

ESSB 6580 - H AMD TO APP COMM AMD (H-5948.1/08) **1461**
By Representative Schindler

WITHDRAWN 3/06/2008

1 On page 6, after line 26 of the striking amendment, insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter
4 36.70A. RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) If a county or city implements policies, regulations, or
6 other measures under section 2 of this act that reduce the
7 development potential of land within the jurisdiction's urban
8 growth area that is designated for development in the applicable
9 comprehensive plan, the following must apply:

10 (a) The county or city must determine the acreage and
11 qualitative reduction in land suitable for development within its
12 urban growth area, and docket that amount as a deficiency to the
13 planning director of the county in which the land is located;

14 (b) By December 1, 2010, and at least every five years
15 thereafter, each county meeting the requirements of subsection (1)
16 of this section, in consultation with its cities as required by RCW
17 36.70A.110 and 36.70A.210, must increase the total land area within
18 its urban growth areas by the total docketed acreage deficiency
19 through amendment of the county's comprehensive plan. Acreage
20 added to urban growth areas under this subsection must have
21 comparable qualitative land characteristics; and

22 (c) The county within which the increased land suitable for
23 urban development is located must: (i) Review its comprehensive
24 plan adopted under RCW 36.70A.070 and its development regulations
25 adopted under RCW 36.70A.060; and (ii) adopt any amendments
26 necessary to assure that the comprehensive plan and development
27 regulations are consistent with the changes required by (b) of this
28 subsection. The review may be combined with but may not be delayed
29 by the review required by RCW 36.70A.130(3) or the review and
30 evaluation required by RCW 36.70A.215.

1 (2) For purposes of this section, "docketing" means compiling
2 and maintaining a detailed and public list of acreage and land use
3 deficiencies in a manner ensuring that the deficiencies will be
4 presented to the applicable county legislative body for required
5 action.

6 (3) For purposes of this section, "qualitative land
7 characteristics" means the designated use of the land in
8 deficiency, its suitability for development, the general location
9 of that land within the county, its physical characteristics, and
10 the availability of urban governmental services for the land."

11 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
12 internal references accordingly.

EFFECT: Specifies urban growth area (UGA) expansion actions that must be taken by counties if a county or city implements climate change policies, regulations, or other measures developed by the Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development, that reduce the development potential of qualifying land within a UGA.