

SB 5883-S - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Provides that, if a county, city, town, or regional governmental entity receives a notice of conversion to nonforestry use by the department under RCW 76.09.060, then the county, city, town, or regional governmental entity must deny all applications for permits or approvals, including building permits and subdivision approvals, relating to nonforestry uses of the land that is the subject of the notification. The prohibition created by this act must be enforced by the county, city, town, or regional governmental entity: (1) For a period of six years from the approval date of the applicable forest practices application or notification or the date that the department was made aware of the harvest activities; or

(2) Until the following activities are completed for the land that is the subject of the notice of conversion to a nonforestry use: (a) full compliance with chapter 43.21C RCW, if applicable; (b) the department has notified the county, city, town, or regional governmental entity that the landowner has resolved any outstanding final orders or decisions issued by the department; and (c) a determination is made by the county, city, town, or regional governmental entity as to whether or not the condition of the land in question is in full compliance with local ordinances and regulations.

Provides that all counties and cities adopting or enforcing regulations or ordinances under this act shall include in the regulation or ordinance a requirement that a verification accompany every permit issued for forest land by that county or city associated with the conversion to a use other than commercial timber operation, as that term is defined in RCW 76.09.020, that verifies that the land in question is not or has not been subject to a notice of conversion to nonforestry uses under RCW 76.09.060 during the six-year period prior to the submission of a permit application.