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1 AN ACT Relating to population criteria for designation of local
2 downtown and neighborhood commercial district revitalization and
3 official local main street programs; and amending RCW 43.360.030.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.360.030 and 2005 c 514 s 910 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) The department shall adopt criteria for the designation of
8 local downtown or neighborhood commercial district revitalization
9 programs and official local main street programs. In establishing the
10 criteria, the department shall consider:

11 (a) The degree of interest and commitment to comprehensive
12 downtown or neighborhood commercial district revitalization and,
13 where applicable, historic preservation by both the public and
14 private sectors;

15 (b) The evidence of potential private sector investment in the
16 downtown or neighborhood commercial district;

17 (c) Where applicable, a downtown or neighborhood commercial
18 district with sufficient historic fabric to become a foundation for
19 an enhanced community image;

20 (d) The capacity of the organization to undertake a comprehensive
21 program and the financial commitment to implement a long-term

1 downtown or neighborhood commercial district revitalization program
2 that includes a commitment to employ a professional program manager
3 and maintain a sufficient operating budget;

4 (e) The department's existing downtown revitalization program's
5 tier system;

6 (f) The national main street center's criteria for designating
7 official main street cities; and

8 (g) Other factors the department deems necessary for the
9 designation of a local program.

10 (2) The department shall designate local downtown or neighborhood
11 commercial district revitalization programs and official local main
12 street programs. The programs shall be limited to three categories of
13 designation, one of which shall be the main street level.

14 (3) RCW (~~(82.73.010)~~) 43.360.020 does not apply to any local
15 downtown or neighborhood commercial district revitalization program
16 unless the boundaries of the program have been identified and
17 approved by the department. The boundaries of a local downtown or
18 neighborhood commercial district revitalization program are typically
19 defined using the pedestrian core of a traditional commercial
20 district.

21 (4) The department may not designate a local downtown or
22 neighborhood commercial district revitalization program or official
23 local main street program if the program is undertaken by a local
24 government with a population of one hundred ninety thousand persons
25 or more at the time of designation.

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