CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1620**

Chapter 82, Laws of 2023

68th Legislature

2023 Regular Session

CITY OR TOWN INCORPORATION—NUMBER OF INHABITANTS REQUIRED

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 23, 2023—Except for section 2, which takes effect June 30, 2028.

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| Passed by the House February 9, 2023  Yeas 97 Nays 0  LAURIE JINKINS  **Speaker of the House of Representatives**  Passed by the Senate March 31, 2023  Yeas 47 Nays 1  DENNY HECK  **President of the Senate** | CERTIFICATE  I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1620** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.  BERNARD DEAN  Chief Clerk |
| Approved April 13, 2023 10:01 AM | April 13, 2023 |
| JAY INSLEE  **Governor of the State of Washington** | **Secretary of State**  **State of Washington** |

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**State of Washington 68th Legislature 2023 Regular Session**

**By** House Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Fey and Morgan)

AN ACT Relating to the number of inhabitants required for incorporation as a city or town; amending RCW 35.02.010 and 35.02.010; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

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

**Sec.**  RCW 35.02.010 and 1994 c 216 s 12 are each amended to read as follows:

Any contiguous area containing not less than ((~~one thousand five hundred~~)) 1,500 inhabitants lying outside the limits of an incorporated city or town may become incorporated as a city or town operating under Title 35 or 35A RCW as provided in this chapter((~~: PROVIDED, That no area which lies within five air miles of the boundary of any city having a population of fifteen thousand or more shall be incorporated which contains less than three thousand inhabitants~~)).

**Sec.**  RCW 35.02.010 and 1994 c 216 s 12 are each amended to read as follows:

Any contiguous area containing not less than ((~~one thousand five hundred~~)) 1,500 inhabitants lying outside the limits of an incorporated city or town may become incorporated as a city or town operating under Title 35 or 35A RCW as provided in this chapter: PROVIDED, That no area which lies within five air miles of the boundary of any city having a population of ((~~fifteen thousand~~)) 15,000 or more shall be incorporated which contains less than ((~~three thousand~~)) 3,000 inhabitants.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  Section 1 of this act expires June 30, 2028.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  Section 2 of this act takes effect June 30, 2028.

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