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**HOUSE BILL 1467**

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**By** Representatives Barkis, Goehner, and Christian

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1 AN ACT Relating to infill for properties uniquely situated  
2 between boundaries and existing development; adding a new section to  
3 chapter 36.70A RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature realizes that there is a  
6 shortage of land for development throughout the state. The growth  
7 management act authorizes rural infill development and directs rural  
8 counties to have the flexibility to create opportunities for business  
9 development and jobs. This act offers a small, equitable fix to  
10 property owners that are surrounded by developed properties while  
11 being prevented from building in a like manner due to restrictive  
12 interpretations of the growth management act. This act directs  
13 limited growth in areas where development currently exists in rural  
14 areas.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 36.70A  
16 RCW to read as follows:

17 Rural infill development authorized in RCW 36.70A.070(5)  
18 includes, but is not limited to: Properties situated between a  
19 boundary of a limited area of more intensive rural development and  
20 commercial or industrial development that exists outside of the

1 boundary. Any such property that is surrounded on two or more sides  
2 by existing commercial or industrial development with access to a  
3 state highway as defined in RCW 46.04.560 and able to connect to  
4 existing public facilities may also be developed in a manner that is  
5 comparable to the adjacent properties so long as the property to be  
6 developed is not designated agricultural, forest, or mineral resource  
7 lands.

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