

1 **2SHB 2244** - H AMDS **393 ADOPTED 3-19-97**

2 By Representative Reams

3 On page 1, line 12, after "**Sec. 1.**" insert "A new section is  
4 added to chapter 36.70A RCW to read as follows:"

5 On page 2, line 13, after "life." insert "The legislature  
6 recognizes that there will be a variety of interpretations by  
7 counties of how best to implement a rural element, reflecting the  
8 diverse needs and local circumstances found across the state. RCW  
9 36.70A.070(5) provides a framework for local elected officials to  
10 make these determinations."

11 On page 2, line 23, after "grant" insert "substantial"

12 On page 7, beginning on line 33, strike "but shall develop a  
13 written" and insert "and the boards shall give substantial  
14 deference to the"

**EFFECT:** Codifies the intent section on rural element. States legislative intent that there will be a variety of interpretations by counties of how best to implement a rural element. States that the deference the legislature intends that the growth boards grant to counties and cities is "substantial". Requires boards to give substantial deference to the record (not limited to the written record) explaining how the rural element harmonizes the planning goals of the GMA.