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1 AN ACT Relating to water; and amending RCW 43.62.035.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.62.035 and 1997 c 429 s 26 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5 The office of financial management shall determine the population  
6 of each county of the state annually as of April 1st of each year and  
7 on or before July 1st of each year shall file a certificate with the  
8 secretary of state showing its determination of the population for each  
9 county. The office of financial management also shall determine the  
10 percentage increase in population for each county over the preceding  
11 ten-year period, as of April 1st, and shall file a certificate with the  
12 secretary of state by July 1st showing its determination. At least  
13 once every five years or upon the availability of decennial census  
14 data, whichever is later, the office of financial management shall  
15 prepare twenty-year growth management planning population projections  
16 required by RCW 36.70A.110 for each county that adopts a comprehensive  
17 plan under RCW 36.70A.040 and shall review these projections with such  
18 counties and the cities in those counties before final adoption. The  
19 population projections shall be accompanied by a statement from the

1 director of the department of ecology stating that adequate domestic  
2 water supplies exist or will be available to serve the projected  
3 population. The county and its cities may provide to the office such  
4 information as they deem relevant to the office's projection, and the  
5 office shall consider and comment on such information before adoption.  
6 Each projection shall be expressed as a reasonable range developed  
7 within the standard state high and low projection. The middle range  
8 shall represent the office's estimate of the most likely population  
9 projection for the county. If any city or county believes that a  
10 projection will not accurately reflect actual population growth in a  
11 county, it may petition the office to revise the projection  
12 accordingly. The office shall complete the first set of ranges for  
13 every county by December 31, 1995.

14 A comprehensive plan adopted or amended before December 31, 1995,  
15 shall not be considered to be in noncompliance with the twenty-year  
16 growth management planning population projection if the projection used  
17 in the comprehensive plan is in compliance with the range later adopted  
18 under this section.

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