
HOUSE BILL 2403

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By Representative Anderson

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1 AN ACT Relating to industrial development sites; adding a new
2 section to chapter 36.70A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.21C
3 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The individual prosperity of the people of
6 Washington is dependent on their ability to attract, support and retain
7 private sector jobs that empower the economies of local communities.
8 The Constitutions of the United States and Washington explicitly
9 envision property owners being able to use their property in a manner
10 to provide such economic freedom and opportunity. It is essential to
11 the Washington state economy to encourage the location, operation, and
12 continuing business viability of manufacturing businesses statewide and
13 particularly in rural municipal jurisdictions. It is the intent of the
14 legislature to streamline the permitting process for manufacturing
15 businesses that will provide over one hundred jobs in rural communities
16 across the state. The location for new manufacturing business
17 opportunities will remain subject to applicable environmental
18 protections under federal, state, and local laws dealing with water,
19 air, flood control, historic preservation, zoning, and building codes.

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

3 (1) The requirements of this chapter do not apply to and may not
4 govern the siting and development of industrial development sites.

5 (2) For purposes of this section, "industrial development sites"
6 are sites for specific manufacturing, industrial, or commercial
7 businesses that will employ one hundred or more persons per site.
8 "Industrial development sites" may not be for the purpose of retail
9 commercial development or multitenant office parks.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.21C RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 (1) Industrial development sites and government actions related to
13 the siting and development of industrial development sites are exempted
14 from compliance with this chapter.

15 (2) For purposes of this section, "industrial development sites"
16 has the same meaning as in section 2(2) of this act.

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