
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5728

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By Senate Committee on Environment & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Senators Amondson, Vognild, Owen, Bauer, Stratton, McCaslin, West and Johnson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the state environmental policy act; adding a new
2 section to chapter 43.21C RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that land use
5 decisions have been delayed because threshold determinations are not
6 being completed within a reasonable time, after being postponed for
7 months beyond the recommended state agency fifteen-day guideline. The
8 effect has been unreasonable and costly delays for land use decisions.
9 To correct his problem, the legislature recognizes the need for a
10 definite time limit for making threshold determinations.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.21C RCW
12 to read as follows:

1 A threshold determination shall be completed within fifteen days if
2 possible, but under no circumstance shall take longer than thirty days
3 unless the applicant consents to an extension. If no agency decision
4 has occurred after thirty days, a declaration of nonsignificance shall
5 automatically be issued, not subject to administrative, legal, or other
6 appeals.