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1 AN ACT Relating to county legislative authority not to plan  
2 pursuant to chapter 36.70A RCW; and amending RCW 36.70A.040.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.70A.040 and 1990 1st ex.s. c 17 s 4 are each  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (1) Each county that has both a population of fifty thousand or  
7 more and has had its population increase by more than ten percent in  
8 the previous ten years, and the cities located within such county, and  
9 any other county regardless of its population that has had its  
10 population increase by more than twenty percent in the previous ten  
11 years, and the cities located within such county, shall adopt  
12 comprehensive land use plans and development regulations under this  
13 chapter. However, (~~the county legislative authority of such~~) a  
14 county with a population of less than (~~fifty~~) one hundred thousand

1 ((population)) may ((adopt a resolution removing the county, and the  
2 cities located within the county,)) remove itself from the requirements  
3 of ((adopting comprehensive land use plans and development regulations  
4 under)) this chapter ((if this resolution is adopted and filed with the  
5 department by December 31, 1990)) pursuant to subsection (5) of this  
6 section. Once a county meets either of these criteria, the requirement  
7 to conform with RCW 36.70A.040 through 36.70A.160 remains in effect,  
8 even if the county no longer meets one of these criteria.

9 (2) The county legislative authority of any county that does not  
10 meet the requirements of subsection (1) of this section may adopt a  
11 resolution indicating its intention to have subsection (1) of this  
12 section apply to the county. Each city, located in a county that  
13 chooses to plan under this subsection, shall adopt a comprehensive land  
14 use plan in accordance with this chapter. Once such a resolution has  
15 been adopted, the county cannot remove itself from the requirements of  
16 this chapter except pursuant to subsection (5) of this section.

17 (3) Any county or city that is required to adopt a comprehensive  
18 land use plan under subsection (1) of this section shall adopt the plan  
19 on or before July 1, 1993. Any county or city that is required to  
20 adopt a comprehensive land use plan under subsection (2) of this  
21 section shall adopt the plan not later than three years from the date  
22 the county legislative body takes action as required by subsection (2)  
23 of this section.

24 (4) If the office of financial management certifies that the  
25 population of a county has changed sufficiently to meet the  
26 requirements of subsection (1) of this section, and the county  
27 legislative authority has not adopted a resolution removing the county  
28 from these requirements as provided in subsection (1) of this section,  
29 the county and each city within such county shall adopt: (a)  
30 Development regulations under RCW 36.70A.060 within one year of the

1 certification by the office of financial management; (b) a  
2 comprehensive land use plan under this chapter within three years of  
3 the certification by the office of financial management; and (c)  
4 development regulations pursuant to this chapter within one year of  
5 having adopted its comprehensive land use plan.

6 (5) A county with a population of less than one hundred thousand  
7 that is required to or that has adopted a resolution indicating an  
8 intent to plan under this chapter may remove itself from the  
9 requirements of this chapter by adoption prior to June 1, 1993, of a  
10 resolution indicating intent to remove the county and cities within the  
11 county from the requirements of subsection (1) of this section.