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Sponsor(s): Senators Hayner, Gaspard, Sellar, Snyder, Bluechel, Bauer and Sutherland

Brief Description: Revising provisions relating to growth management.

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Defines terms.

Revises the planning goals of RCW 36.70A.020.

Revises the mandatory and optional elements of comprehensive plans.

Requires counties and cities to identify existing open space lands permanently protected.

Requires counties to establish a process for reviewing proposals for new communities and designates the required criteria for approval of the communities.

Requires special districts to conform to the state policy goals for land use planning.

Revises taxing authority.

Provides for assessment of impact fees.

Specifies the elements for inclusion in regional economic development plans.

Requires state agencies to plan consistent with the planning goals.

Establishes three dispute resolution councils.

Establishes state growth management organizations.

Provides for sanctions in case of noncompliance with planning requirements by counties, cities, or state agencies, including the withholding of revenues.

Provides for appeal procedures from final orders of the dispute resolution centers.

Provides that nothing in the act shall affect any tribal rights established by treaty.

Grants authority to disband boundary review boards.