

2 **ESHB 1988** - S AMD TO S AMD (S3323.3)

3 By Senator Anderson

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5 On page 19, after section 17, insert the following:

6 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 18.** The legislature finds: (1) That permits
7 are a necessary part of regulating some public and private activity for
8 the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of this state; (2) that
9 permit processing by state and local agencies should be done timely,
10 fairly, and as efficiently as possible; (3) that permit processing by
11 state and local agencies sometimes does not meet reasonable
12 expectations of the citizens of this state; (4) that many projects
13 require some regulatory review by several departments in the same
14 agency or multiple review by different agencies; and (5) that better
15 coordination of the issuance of permits in and between state and local
16 agencies will enhance the permit process; and (6) permitting delays
17 construction and results in less construction and ultimately fewer
18 jobs. Sections 2 through 5 of this act intend to improve permit
19 processing by state and local agencies by providing encouragement and
20 technical assistance to establish coordinated, one-stop permit
21 processes and by encouraging improved service to the citizens of this
22 state.

23 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 19.** The workforce training education
24 coordinating board shall conduct a study to determine the feasibility
25 of and set the criteria for each city and county reviewing its
26 procedures for the issuance of permits necessary for building or
27 remodeling dwellings, subdivisions. The goal of this review is to
28 evaluate current policies and practices to establish more efficient
29 review of permit applications.

30 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 20.** The workforce training education
31 coordinating board shall convene a task force of agency directors to
32 recommend or implement changes to the processing of regulatory permits
33 by state agencies. The goal of these recommendations or changes shall
34 be to make the process more coordinated, more timely, more effective,
35 and more service-oriented. The task force shall include, but not be

1 limited to, the director of the department of ecology and the
2 department of community development. The recommendations or changes
3 shall consider at least the following: (1) Streamlining state
4 environmental permit processing among natural resource and regulatory
5 agencies, particularly regarding multiple agency permit processing and
6 eliminating duplication; and (2) identifying a staff person in each
7 regional office of regulatory agencies to coordinate cross-program or
8 multiagency processing and decisions. The governor shall report to the
9 appropriate legislative standing committees regarding this section by
10 December 1, 1993.

11 Renumber all sections consecutively and correct any internal
12 references accordingly. Make necessary title amendments.

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