
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2628

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By House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives R. Fisher, Campbell, Edmondson, Sommers, Appelwick and Dorn)

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1 AN ACT Relating to condemnation of blighted property; and amending
2 RCW 35.80A.010.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.80A.010 and 1989 c 271 s 239 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 Every county, city, and town may acquire by condemnation, in
7 accordance with the notice requirements and other procedures for
8 condemnation provided in Title 8 RCW, any property, dwelling, building,
9 or structure which constitutes a blight on the surrounding
10 neighborhood. A "blight on the surrounding neighborhood" is any
11 property, dwelling, building, or structure that either: (1) Has not
12 been lawfully occupied for a period of one year or more((7)) and
13 constitutes a threat to the public health, safety, or welfare as
14 determined by the ((county health department in the applicable county
15 and that)) executive authority of the county, city, or town, or the
16 designee of the executive authority; or (2) is or has been associated
17 with illegal drug activity during the previous twelve months. Prior to
18 such condemnation, the local governing body shall adopt a resolution
19 declaring that the acquisition of the real property described therein

1 is necessary to eliminate neighborhood blight. Condemnation of
2 property, dwellings, buildings, and structures for the purposes
3 described in this chapter is declared to be for a public use.

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