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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 has not been lawfully
12 occupied for a period of one year or more, constitutes a threat to the
13 public health, safety, or welfare as determined by the (~~county health~~
14 ~~department in the applicable county and~~) director of public works or
15 the director's designee in the applicable jurisdiction or that is or
16 has been associated with illegal drug activity during the previous
17 twelve months. Prior to such condemnation, the local governing body
18 shall adopt a resolution declaring that the acquisition of the real
19 property described therein is necessary to eliminate neighborhood

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

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