

## **Bill Analysis**

### **HB 2208**

**Title:** Establishing collaborative review of multijurisdictional projects.

**Brief Description:** Changes the collaborative review requirement in the Growth Management Act.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Cairnes, L. Thomas and Benson

**Hearing Date:** March 3, 1997

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**Background:** The Growth Management Act (GMA) was adopted in 1990 and 1991. The GMA requires counties meeting certain population and growth criteria, and the cities within those counties, to adopt comprehensive plans and development regulations consistent with the plans.

In 1994, as part of legislation relating to environmental permit processes for the Department of Transportation, the Legislature directed counties planning under the GMA to establish a collaborative process to review and coordinate state and local permits for all transportation projects that cross more than one city or county boundary. The Legislature also directed a mechanism to be established among affected cities and counties to designate a permit coordinating agency to facilitate multijurisdictional review and approval of transportation projects.

**Summary of Bill:** The collaborative process for counties planning under the Growth Management Act to review and coordinate state and local permits for transportation projects that cross more than one city or county boundary is no longer limited to transportation projects. The process must be administered by metropolitan planning organizations.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.