

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SSB 5679

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As Passed Senate, March 12, 1999

**Title:** An act relating to grant and loan requirements.

**Brief Description:** Changing grant and loan eligibility requirements for counties, cities, and towns planning under the growth management act.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on State & Local Government (originally sponsored by Senators Morton, T. Sheldon, McCaslin and Hochstatter).

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** State & Local Government: 2/17/99, 3/1/99 [DPS].  
Passed Senate, 3/12/99, 45-0.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5679 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Patterson, Chair; Gardner, Vice Chair; Hale, Haugen, Horn, Kline and McCaslin.

**Staff:** Sharon Swanson (786-7445)

**Background:** To qualify for loans or pledges from the Public Works Board, Community Economic Revitalization Board or the Department of Ecology for water pollution control, there must first be a determination that a local government meets specific conditions.

**Summary of Bill:** A county, city, or town planning under the Growth Management Act (GMA) must have adopted a comprehensive plan and development regulations before qualifying for loans or pledges, except where necessary to address a public health need or substantial environmental degradation. A county, city, or town planning under GMA is not required to adopt a comprehensive plan and development regulations before requesting or receiving a grant or loan, if such a request is made before the expiration of the time period specified within GMA. A county, city, or town is not prohibited from receiving a grant or loan if they adopt a comprehensive plan and development regulations before submitting a request for a grant or loan. A county, city or town must have the capital facilities plan element of the comprehensive plan in place before they can qualify for a grant, loan or loan guarantee.

Current statutes relating to countywide planning policy incentives are repealed.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** Allowing counties, cities and towns to get money before full implementation of a comprehensive plan is very important for rural counties. There is a need to have money to keep this long process moving forward.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** PRO: Jim Potts, Rural Counties; Steve Wells, CTED.