

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## ESB 5816

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As Passed Senate, February 4, 2000

**Title:** An act relating to enabling counties planning under chapter 36.70A RCW to create nine lots in a short subdivision within a designated urban growth area.

**Brief Description:** Enabling counties planning under chapter 36.70A RCW to create nine lots in a short subdivision within a designated urban growth area.

**Sponsors:** Senators Haugen, McCaslin, Patterson, Gardner and T. Sheldon.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** State & Local Government: 2/22/99, 3/1/99 [DP].  
Passed Senate, 3/17/99, 44-3; 2/4/00, 43-4.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

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

**Staff:** Eugene Green (786-7405)

**Background:** A "short subdivision" is the division or re-division of land into four or fewer lots, tracts, parcels, sites, or divisions for the purpose of sale, lease, or transfer of ownership. Currently, the legislative authority of any city or town may, by local ordinance, increase the number of lots, tracts, or parcels to be regulated as short subdivisions to a maximum of nine.

**Summary of Bill:** The legislative authority of any county planning under the Growth Management Act (GMA) and currently in compliance with GMA, may by ordinance, increase the number of lots, tracts, or parcels to be regulated as short subdivisions to a maximum of nine in any urban growth area. A city, county or town may adopt, by ordinance, procedures for the creation of conservation parcels as an exemption to the procedures required by statute.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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

**Testimony For:** This is a logical option for counties. It allows counties to take the next step in growth management enforcement.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** PRO: Denny Derickson, Snohomish County; Harold Robertson, WA Chapter American Planning Assn.