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1 AN ACT Relating to water; and amending RCW 43.62.035 and
2 36.70A.210.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.62.035 and 1997 c 429 s 26 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The office of financial management shall determine the population
7 of each county of the state annually as of April 1st of each year and
8 on or before July 1st of each year shall file a certificate with the
9 secretary of state showing its determination of the population for each
10 county. The office of financial management also shall determine the
11 percentage increase in population for each county over the preceding
12 ten-year period, as of April 1st, and shall file a certificate with the
13 secretary of state by July 1st showing its determination. At least
14 once every five years or upon the availability of decennial census
15 data, whichever is later, the office of financial management shall
16 prepare twenty-year growth management planning population projections
17 required by RCW 36.70A.110 for each county that adopts a comprehensive
18 plan under RCW 36.70A.040 and shall review these projections with such
19 counties and the cities in those counties before final adoption. The

1 county and its cities may provide to the office such information as
2 they deem relevant to the office's projection, and the office shall
3 consider and comment on such information before adoption. Each
4 projection shall be expressed as a reasonable range developed within
5 the standard state high and low projection. The middle range shall
6 represent the office's estimate of the most likely population
7 projection for the county. If any city or county believes that a
8 projection will not accurately reflect actual population growth in a
9 county, it may petition the office to revise the projection
10 accordingly. The office shall revise the projection if the projection
11 does not reflect information regarding adequate domestic water supply
12 as provided in RCW 36.70A.210(3)(h). The office shall complete the
13 first set of ranges for every county by December 31, 1995.

14 A comprehensive plan adopted or amended before December 31, 1995,
15 shall not be considered to be in noncompliance with the twenty-year
16 growth management planning population projection if the projection used
17 in the comprehensive plan is in compliance with the range later adopted
18 under this section.

19 **Sec. 2.** RCW 36.70A.210 and 1998 c 171 s 4 are each amended to read
20 as follows:

21 (1) The legislature recognizes that counties are regional
22 governments within their boundaries, and cities are primary providers
23 of urban governmental services within urban growth areas. For the
24 purposes of this section, a "county-wide planning policy" is a written
25 policy statement or statements used solely for establishing a county-
26 wide framework from which county and city comprehensive plans are
27 developed and adopted pursuant to this chapter. This framework shall
28 ensure that city and county comprehensive plans are consistent as
29 required in RCW 36.70A.100. Nothing in this section shall be construed
30 to alter the land-use powers of cities.

31 (2) The legislative authority of a county that plans under RCW
32 36.70A.040 shall adopt a county-wide planning policy in cooperation
33 with the cities located in whole or in part within the county as
34 follows:

35 (a) No later than sixty calendar days from July 16, 1991, the
36 legislative authority of each county that as of June 1, 1991, was
37 required or chose to plan under RCW 36.70A.040 shall convene a meeting
38 with representatives of each city located within the county for the

1 purpose of establishing a collaborative process that will provide a
2 framework for the adoption of a county-wide planning policy. In other
3 counties that are required or choose to plan under RCW 36.70A.040, this
4 meeting shall be convened no later than sixty days after the date the
5 county adopts its resolution of intention or was certified by the
6 office of financial management.

7 (b) The process and framework for adoption of a county-wide
8 planning policy specified in (a) of this subsection shall determine the
9 manner in which the county and the cities agree to all procedures and
10 provisions including but not limited to desired planning policies,
11 deadlines, ratification of final agreements and demonstration thereof,
12 and financing, if any, of all activities associated therewith.

13 (c) If a county fails for any reason to convene a meeting with
14 representatives of cities as required in (a) of this subsection, the
15 governor may immediately impose any appropriate sanction or sanctions
16 on the county from those specified under RCW 36.70A.340.

17 (d) If there is no agreement by October 1, 1991, in a county that
18 was required or chose to plan under RCW 36.70A.040 as of June 1, 1991,
19 or if there is no agreement within one hundred twenty days of the date
20 the county adopted its resolution of intention or was certified by the
21 office of financial management in any other county that is required or
22 chooses to plan under RCW 36.70A.040, the governor shall first inquire
23 of the jurisdictions as to the reason or reasons for failure to reach
24 an agreement. If the governor deems it appropriate, the governor may
25 immediately request the assistance of the department of community,
26 trade, and economic development to mediate any disputes that preclude
27 agreement. If mediation is unsuccessful in resolving all disputes that
28 will lead to agreement, the governor may impose appropriate sanctions
29 from those specified under RCW 36.70A.340 on the county, city, or
30 cities for failure to reach an agreement as provided in this section.
31 The governor shall specify the reason or reasons for the imposition of
32 any sanction.

33 (e) No later than July 1, 1992, the legislative authority of each
34 county that was required or chose to plan under RCW 36.70A.040 as of
35 June 1, 1991, or no later than fourteen months after the date the
36 county adopted its resolution of intention or was certified by the
37 office of financial management the county legislative authority of any
38 other county that is required or chooses to plan under RCW 36.70A.040,
39 shall adopt a county-wide planning policy according to the process

1 provided under this section and that is consistent with the agreement
2 pursuant to (b) of this subsection, and after holding a public hearing
3 or hearings on the proposed county-wide planning policy.

4 (3) A county-wide planning policy shall at a minimum, address the
5 following:

6 (a) Policies to implement RCW 36.70A.110;

7 (b) Policies for promotion of contiguous and orderly development
8 and provision of urban services to such development;

9 (c) Policies for siting public capital facilities of a county-wide
10 or state-wide nature, including transportation facilities of state-wide
11 significance as defined in RCW 47.06.140;

12 (d) Policies for county-wide transportation facilities and
13 strategies;

14 (e) Policies that consider the need for affordable housing, such as
15 housing for all economic segments of the population and parameters for
16 its distribution;

17 (f) Policies for joint county and city planning within urban growth
18 areas;

19 (g) Policies for county-wide economic development and employment;
20 ((and))

21 (h) Policies that consider the present and future availability of
22 adequate domestic water supplies and that provide, where applicable,
23 for a collaborative process with special purpose districts that provide
24 domestic water services; and

25 (i) An analysis of the fiscal impact.

26 (4) Federal agencies and Indian tribes may participate in and
27 cooperate with the county-wide planning policy adoption process.
28 Adopted county-wide planning policies shall be adhered to by state
29 agencies.

30 (5) Failure to adopt a county-wide planning policy that meets the
31 requirements of this section may result in the imposition of a sanction
32 or sanctions on a county or city within the county, as specified in RCW
33 36.70A.340. In imposing a sanction or sanctions, the governor shall
34 specify the reasons for failure to adopt a county-wide planning policy
35 in order that any imposed sanction or sanctions are fairly and
36 equitably related to the failure to adopt a county-wide planning
37 policy.

1 (6) Cities and the governor may appeal an adopted county-wide
2 planning policy to the growth management hearings board within sixty
3 days of the adoption of the county-wide planning policy.

4 (7) Multicounty planning policies shall be adopted by two or more
5 counties, each with a population of four hundred fifty thousand or
6 more, with contiguous urban areas and may be adopted by other counties,
7 according to the process established under this section or other
8 processes agreed to among the counties and cities within the affected
9 counties throughout the multicounty region.

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