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1 AN ACT Relating to studying the costs related to growth management;
2 adding a new section to chapter 36.70A RCW; creating new sections; and
3 providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds the growth management
6 act, chapter 36.70A RCW, significantly changed the land use planning
7 process for many local governments in this state. The legislature also
8 finds growth management has imposed certain planning requirements and
9 responsibilities on all local governments. The legislature further
10 finds growth management mandates a comprehensive planning process with
11 numerous requirements and responsibilities for those local governments
12 planning under RCW 36.70A.040. Recognizing local governments have
13 experienced planning, implementation, litigation, and other costs as a
14 result of growth management, the legislature therefore intends with
15 this act to authorize a study to identify the growth management costs
16 which have been experienced by local governments and to review and
17 evaluate the impact of those costs on local governments.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 36.70A RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 (1) The department shall conduct a study of the costs associated
4 with implementing the requirements of this chapter which have been or
5 are being experienced by all local governments. The purpose of the
6 study shall be to:

7 (a) Identify, in consultation with local government representatives
8 from a variety of jurisdictions, the categories and types of costs
9 local governments have experienced in implementing the requirements of
10 this chapter. These costs include but are not limited to costs
11 associated with planning, technical assistance, public outreach and
12 education, legislative processes, implementation, and appeals and
13 judicial review. The categories and types should distinguish, where
14 applicable, the costs associated with the requirements of this chapter
15 imposed on all local governments from those related to the requirements
16 imposed on local governments planning under RCW 36.70A.040;

17 (b) Obtain data from all local governments on the categories and
18 types of costs identified in (a) of this subsection;

19 (c) Review and evaluate, in consultation with local government
20 representatives from a variety of jurisdictions, the impact of these
21 costs on local governments; and

22 (d) Develop, in consultation with local government representatives
23 from a variety of jurisdictions, recommendations to the legislature on
24 addressing the impact of the costs identified in (a) of this subsection
25 on all local governments.

26 (2) The department shall commence the study no later than September
27 1, 1999, and complete the study no later than June 30, 2001. The
28 department shall submit the final report to the appropriate standing
29 committees of the legislature no later than September 30, 2001.

30 (3) During the period in which the study is being conducted, the
31 department shall submit progress reports to the appropriate standing
32 committees of the legislature. The first progress report shall be
33 submitted no later than January 31, 2000, and the second progress
34 report shall be submitted no later than January 31, 2001.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Sections 1 through 2 of this act expire
36 October 1, 2001.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
2 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
3 June 30, 1999, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
4 void.

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