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1            AN ACT Relating to public facility siting and planning; adding a  
2 new section to chapter 36.70A RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that current processes  
5 for the siting and operation of major regional public facilities often  
6 fail to adequately address regional and localized impacts and benefits  
7 of such facilities. Throughout the state there are proposals for  
8 siting major public facilities in which surrounding neighborhoods and  
9 communities will be disproportionately impacted while the benefits of  
10 the facility are provided to the larger region or to the entire state.  
11 These facilities include major transportation facilities such as  
12 highways, bridges, airports, and rail lines, and other  
13 nontransportation facilities such as prisons and landfills. The  
14 legislature also finds that although the growth management act provides  
15 procedures for establishing county-wide policies for coordinated  
16 planning of such facilities, those procedures do not include all public  
17 entities that provide such facilities and do not provide sufficient  
18 guidance to local jurisdictions to ensure consideration and mitigation

1 of impacts to surrounding communities and participation in siting  
2 processes by those communities.

3 Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature to ensure that these  
4 considerations are incorporated into the county-wide planning policies  
5 required under the growth management act, and to provide sufficient  
6 authority so that siting decisions and mitigation measures adopted  
7 through using such policies may be fully implemented.

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

10 Recognizing that RCW 36.70A.103 requires state agencies to comply  
11 with local comprehensive plans and development regulations, that  
12 planning for public facilities and mitigating impacts from these public  
13 facilities are cornerstones of this chapter, the requirement that  
14 county-wide planning policies must address the siting of public capital  
15 facilities of a state-wide significance, and the importance of siting  
16 essential public facilities recognized under RCW 36.70A.200, it is the  
17 policy of the state that state agencies must mitigate impacts to  
18 communities arising from the siting or expansion of state capital  
19 facilities of state-wide significance, including transportation  
20 facilities of state-wide significance that are provided under chapter  
21 47.46 RCW. These mitigation requirements include, but are not limited  
22 to, impacts to county, city, and town roads and streets, noise impacts,  
23 life-style impacts of affected communities, and view impacts. The  
24 mitigation of these impacts is declared to be part of the costs of the  
25 state capital facilities of state-wide significance and shall be  
26 mitigated from moneys used to finance the state capital facilities of  
27 state-wide significance.

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