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By Senate Committee on State & Local Government (originally sponsored by Senators Patterson, Eide, Haugen, Goings, Kline, Gardner and Heavey)

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1 AN ACT Relating to planning by general purpose and special purpose
2 local governments; and amending RCW 36.70A.103 and 36.70A.210.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.70A.103 and 1991 sp.s. c 32 s 4 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) State agencies shall comply with the local comprehensive plans
7 and development regulations and amendments thereto adopted pursuant to
8 this chapter.

9 (2) Special purpose districts shall comply with local comprehensive
10 plans and development regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter.

11 (3) Special purpose districts may appeal an adopted or amended
12 county-wide planning policy to the growth management hearings board
13 within sixty days of the adoption or amendment of the county-wide
14 planning policy.

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

17 (1) The legislature recognizes that counties are regional
18 governments within their boundaries, and cities are primary providers

1 of urban governmental services within urban growth areas. For the
2 purposes of this section, a "county-wide planning policy" is a written
3 policy statement or statements used solely for establishing a county-
4 wide framework from which county and city comprehensive plans are
5 developed and adopted pursuant to this chapter. This framework shall
6 ensure that city and county comprehensive plans are consistent as
7 required in RCW 36.70A.100. Nothing in this section shall be construed
8 to alter the land-use powers of cities.

9 (2) The legislative authority of a county that plans under RCW
10 36.70A.040 shall adopt a county-wide planning policy in cooperation
11 with the cities located in whole or in part within the county as
12 follows:

13 (a) No later than sixty calendar days from July 16, 1991, the
14 legislative authority of each county that as of June 1, 1991, was
15 required or chose to plan under RCW 36.70A.040 shall convene a meeting
16 with representatives of each city located within the county for the
17 purpose of establishing a collaborative process that will provide a
18 framework for the adoption of a county-wide planning policy. In other
19 counties that are required or choose to plan under RCW 36.70A.040, this
20 meeting shall be convened no later than sixty days after the date the
21 county adopts its resolution of intention or was certified by the
22 office of financial management.

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

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

33 (d) If there is no agreement by October 1, 1991, in a county that
34 was required or chose to plan under RCW 36.70A.040 as of June 1, 1991,
35 or if there is no agreement within one hundred twenty days of the date
36 the county adopted its resolution of intention or was certified by the
37 office of financial management in any other county that is required or
38 chooses to plan under RCW 36.70A.040, the governor shall first inquire
39 of the jurisdictions as to the reason or reasons for failure to reach

1 an agreement. If the governor deems it appropriate, the governor may
2 immediately request the assistance of the department of community,
3 trade, and economic development to mediate any disputes that preclude
4 agreement. If mediation is unsuccessful in resolving all disputes that
5 will lead to agreement, the governor may impose appropriate sanctions
6 from those specified under RCW 36.70A.340 on the county, city, or
7 cities for failure to reach an agreement as provided in this section.
8 The governor shall specify the reason or reasons for the imposition of
9 any sanction.

10 (e) No later than July 1, 1992, the legislative authority of each
11 county that was required or chose to plan under RCW 36.70A.040 as of
12 June 1, 1991, or no later than fourteen months after the date the
13 county adopted its resolution of intention or was certified by the
14 office of financial management the county legislative authority of any
15 other county that is required or chooses to plan under RCW 36.70A.040,
16 shall adopt a county-wide planning policy according to the process
17 provided under this section and that is consistent with the agreement
18 pursuant to (b) of this subsection, and after holding a public hearing
19 or hearings on the proposed county-wide planning policy.

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

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

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

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

28 (d) Policies for county-wide transportation facilities and
29 strategies;

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

33 (f) Policies for joint county and city planning within urban growth
34 areas;

35 (g) Policies for county-wide economic development and employment;
36 ((and))

37 (h) An analysis of the fiscal impact; and

1 (i) Policies to determine that adequate domestic water supplies
2 exist or will be available to serve the projected population as
3 determined by the office of financial management.

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

8 (5) Failure to adopt a county-wide planning policy that meets the
9 requirements of this section may result in the imposition of a sanction
10 or sanctions on a county or city within the county, as specified in RCW
11 36.70A.340. In imposing a sanction or sanctions, the governor shall
12 specify the reasons for failure to adopt a county-wide planning policy
13 in order that any imposed sanction or sanctions are fairly and
14 equitably related to the failure to adopt a county-wide planning
15 policy.

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

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

25 (8) Not later than July 1, 2002, a county planning under this
26 chapter shall convene a committee for the development of a county-wide
27 planning policy for coordinated planning and delivery of the urban
28 governmental services defined in RCW 36.70A.030. This committee shall
29 consist of representatives from the county, the cities located in part
30 or in whole within the county, and each special purpose district that
31 is responsible for planning or delivering school facilities, park and
32 recreational facilities, libraries, or urban governmental services.

33 The policy developed under this subsection shall ensure that urban
34 governmental services are in place at the time of development, or for
35 transportation facilities that a financial commitment is in place to
36 provide the urban governmental services within the time frame specified
37 by the applicable city or county concurrency requirements.

38 Cities, special districts that plan or deliver urban governmental
39 services, and the governor may appeal to the growth management hearings

- 1 board on the county-wide policy for coordinated planning and delivery
- 2 of urban governmental services developed under this subsection.

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