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By Senators Hargrove, Snyder, Rasmussen and Oke

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1 AN ACT Relating to growth management; and amending RCW 36.70A.040.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.70A.040 and 1998 c 171 s 1 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) Each county that has both a population of fifty thousand or
6 more and, until May 16, 1995, has had its population increase by more
7 than ten percent in the previous ten years or, on or after May 16,
8 1995, has had its population increase by more than seventeen percent in
9 the previous ten years, and the cities located within such county, and
10 any other county regardless of its population that has had its
11 population increase by more than twenty percent in the previous ten
12 years, and the cities located within such county, shall conform with
13 all of the requirements of this chapter. However, the county
14 legislative authority of such a county with a population of less than
15 fifty thousand population may adopt a resolution removing the county,
16 and the cities located within the county, from the requirements of
17 adopting comprehensive land use plans and development regulations under
18 this chapter if this resolution is adopted and filed with the
19 department by December 31, 1990, for counties initially meeting this

1 set of criteria, or within sixty days of the date the office of
2 financial management certifies that a county meets this set of criteria
3 under subsection (5) of this section. For the purposes of this
4 subsection, no county is required to include in its population count
5 those persons confined in a state institution that is located in the
6 county.

7 Once a county meets either of these sets of criteria, the
8 requirement to conform with all of the requirements of this chapter
9 remains in effect, even if the county no longer meets one of these sets
10 of criteria.

11 (2) The county legislative authority of any county that does not
12 meet either of the sets of criteria established under subsection (1) of
13 this section may adopt a resolution indicating its intention to have
14 subsection (1) of this section apply to the county. Each city, located
15 in a county that chooses to plan under this subsection, shall conform
16 with all of the requirements of this chapter. Once such a resolution
17 has been adopted, the county and the cities located within the county
18 remain subject to all of the requirements of this chapter.

19 (3) Any county or city that is initially required to conform with
20 all of the requirements of this chapter under subsection (1) of this
21 section shall take actions under this chapter as follows: (a) The
22 county legislative authority shall adopt a county-wide planning policy
23 under RCW 36.70A.210; (b) the county and each city located within the
24 county shall designate critical areas, agricultural lands, forest
25 lands, and mineral resource lands, and adopt development regulations
26 conserving these designated agricultural lands, forest lands, and
27 mineral resource lands and protecting these designated critical areas,
28 under RCW 36.70A.170 and 36.70A.060; (c) the county shall designate and
29 take other actions related to urban growth areas under RCW 36.70A.110;
30 (d) if the county has a population of fifty thousand or more, the
31 county and each city located within the county shall adopt a
32 comprehensive plan under this chapter and development regulations that
33 are consistent with and implement the comprehensive plan on or before
34 July 1, 1994, and if the county has a population of less than fifty
35 thousand, the county and each city located within the county shall
36 adopt a comprehensive plan under this chapter and development
37 regulations that are consistent with and implement the comprehensive
38 plan by January 1, 1995, but if the governor makes written findings
39 that a county with a population of less than fifty thousand or a city

1 located within such a county is not making reasonable progress toward
2 adopting a comprehensive plan and development regulations the governor
3 may reduce this deadline for such actions to be taken by no more than
4 one hundred eighty days. Any county or city subject to this subsection
5 may obtain an additional six months before it is required to have
6 adopted its development regulations by submitting a letter notifying
7 the department of community, trade, and economic development of its
8 need prior to the deadline for adopting both a comprehensive plan and
9 development regulations.

10 (4) Any county or city that is required to conform with all the
11 requirements of this chapter, as a result of the county legislative
12 authority adopting its resolution of intention under subsection (2) of
13 this section, shall take actions under this chapter as follows: (a)
14 The county legislative authority shall adopt a county-wide planning
15 policy under RCW 36.70A.210; (b) the county and each city that is
16 located within the county shall adopt development regulations
17 conserving agricultural lands, forest lands, and mineral resource lands
18 it designated under RCW 36.70A.060 within one year of the date the
19 county legislative authority adopts its resolution of intention; (c)
20 the county shall designate and take other actions related to urban
21 growth areas under RCW 36.70A.110; and (d) the county and each city
22 that is located within the county shall adopt a comprehensive plan and
23 development regulations that are consistent with and implement the
24 comprehensive plan not later than four years from the date the county
25 legislative authority adopts its resolution of intention, but a county
26 or city may obtain an additional six months before it is required to
27 have adopted its development regulations by submitting a letter
28 notifying the department of community, trade, and economic development
29 of its need prior to the deadline for adopting both a comprehensive
30 plan and development regulations.

31 (5) If the office of financial management certifies that the
32 population of a county that previously had not been required to plan
33 under subsection (1) or (2) of this section has changed sufficiently to
34 meet either of the sets of criteria specified under subsection (1) of
35 this section, and where applicable, the county legislative authority
36 has not adopted a resolution removing the county from these
37 requirements as provided in subsection (1) of this section, the county
38 and each city within such county shall take actions under this chapter
39 as follows: (a) The county legislative authority shall adopt a county-

1 wide planning policy under RCW 36.70A.210; (b) the county and each city
2 located within the county shall adopt development regulations under RCW
3 36.70A.060 conserving agricultural lands, forest lands, and mineral
4 resource lands it designated within one year of the certification by
5 the office of financial management; (c) the county shall designate and
6 take other actions related to urban growth areas under RCW 36.70A.110;
7 and (d) the county and each city located within the county shall adopt
8 a comprehensive land use plan and development regulations that are
9 consistent with and implement the comprehensive plan within four years
10 of the certification by the office of financial management, but a
11 county or city may obtain an additional six months before it is
12 required to have adopted its development regulations by submitting a
13 letter notifying the department of community, trade, and economic
14 development of its need prior to the deadline for adopting both a
15 comprehensive plan and development regulations.

16 (6) A copy of each document that is required under this section
17 shall be submitted to the department at the time of its adoption.

18 (7) Cities and counties planning under this chapter must amend the
19 transportation element of the comprehensive plan to be in compliance
20 with this chapter and chapter 47.80 RCW no later than December 31,
21 2000.

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