

FINAL BILL REPORT

SHB 2648

PARTIAL VETO

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Requiring additional information from certain capital budget applicants.

Sponsors: By House Committee on Capital Budget (originally sponsored by Representatives Murray, Esser, Reardon and McIntire).

House Committee on Capital Budget
Senate Committee on Ways & Means

Background:

The Governor, through the Office of Financial Management (OFM), proposes a capital budget and 10-year capital plan each biennium. The OFM publishes a set of instructions to assist state agencies and others in applying to have a capital project included in the Governor's capital budget proposal. In its capital budget planning, the OFM must verify that recommended capital projects are consistent with the Growth Management Act (GMA).

The GMA was enacted in 1990 and 1991. It requires certain counties and the cities located in those counties to enact comprehensive plans and development regulations that are consistent with the GMA, and to meet other requirements. There are 29 counties fully planning under the GMA. All counties and cities must comply with certain provisions of the GMA (such as identifying and protecting critical areas). Counties and cities that are fully planning under the GMA must accommodate essential public facilities in their planning.

Summary:

In its capital budget instructions, the OFM must require capital budget applicants to provide additional information for proposed major capital projects that are over \$5 million and are required to complete a predesign process. The applicant must provide a series of yes- and no- answers to a variety of questions relating to the project's impact on growth and development.

For all major capital projects, information must be provided to the OFM regarding:

- (1) whether there is region cooperation;
- (2) whether local or additional funds are leveraged; and

(3) whether environmental impacts of the project are considered.

In addition, for major capital projects located in or serving a county or city fully planning under the GMA, information must be provided to the OFM regarding:

- (1) whether the capital project is identified in the local comprehensive plan and development regulations; and
- (2) whether the project is located in an urban growth area and (a) if so, whether the project supports planned growth, or (b) if not, whether the project affects future development patterns.

In preparing its capital budget document, the OFM must take into account this additional information to promote capital facilities expenditures that minimize unplanned or uncoordinated infrastructure and development costs, to support economic and quality of life benefits for existing communities, and to support local government planning efforts.

The Office of Community Development must provide staff support to the OFM and capital budget applicants to help collect the required information.

The Legislature must request a fiscal note whenever a purchase or exchange of land is proposed by most state agencies.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 98 0
Senate 49 0

Effective: June 13, 2002

Partial Veto Summary: The Governor vetoed provisions requiring additional information on the cost of certain projects and requiring the Legislature to obtain a fiscal note whenever a purchase or exchange of property is proposed by most state agencies.