

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5832

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As Passed Senate, February 8, 2002

**Title:** An act relating to enabling counties planning under chapter 36.70A RCW to create nine lots in a short subdivision within a designated urban growth area.

**Brief Description:** Enabling counties planning under chapter 36.70A RCW to create nine lots in a short subdivision within a designated urban growth area.

**Sponsors:** Senator Haugen.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** State & Local Government: 2/12/01, 2/21/01 [DP].

Passed Senate: 3/14/01, 43-5; 2/8/02, 43-3.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Patterson, Chair; Hale, Horn, Kline, Roach, T. Sheldon and Swecker.

**Staff:** Eugene Green (786-7405)

**Background:** A "short subdivision" is the division or re-division of land into four or fewer lots, tracts, parcels, sites, or divisions for the purpose of sale, lease, or transfer of ownership. Currently, the legislative authority of any city or town may, by local ordinance, increase the number of lots, tracts, or parcels to be regulated as short subdivisions to a maximum of nine.

**Summary of Bill:** The legislative authority of any county planning under the Growth Management Act (GMA) that has adopted a comprehensive plan and development regulations in compliance with GMA may by ordinance increase the number of lots, tracts, or parcels to be regulated as short subdivisions to a maximum of nine in any urban growth area.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** This will help counties meet density requirements and in-filling, especially in parts of urban growth areas close to city boundaries. This will also help counties meet their housing goals.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** PRO: Mike McGavick, American Planning Association; Glen Hudson, Association WA Bus.; Larry Stout, Washington Association Realtors; Gary Reiersgard,

Snohomish County; Mike Flynn, Realtors; CONCERN: Steve Stuart, 1000 Friends of Washington.