

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SSB 5841

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Establishing a schedule for review of comprehensive plans and development regulations adopted under the growth management act.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on State & Local Government (originally sponsored by Senators Patterson, McCaslin, Gardner, Sheahan, T. Sheldon, Deccio, Haugen, Winsley and Hochstatter).

**Senate Committee on State & Local Government**  
**House Committee on Local Government & Housing**

**Background:** Each county or city planning under the Growth Management Act (GMA) that has adopted a comprehensive land use plan must review its plan and development regulations by September 1, 2002, and every five years thereafter. Every ten years a county or city must review its urban growth boundaries. These two reviews may be combined.

**Summary:** The Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development (CTED) must establish a schedule for counties and cities to review and, if needed, revise their comprehensive plans and development regulations. Counties and cities not planning under the Growth Management Act must use this schedule to review and revise policies and regulations regarding critical areas and natural resource lands. The review and evaluation must include consideration of critical area ordinances and, if planning under the GMA, an analysis of the population allocation determined by the most recent 10-year forecast by OFM. The schedule must provide for reviews and evaluations as follows:

- (a) By December 1, 2004, and every seven years thereafter, for Clallam, Clark, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Pierce, Snohomish, Thurston, and Whatcom counties, and the cities within those counties. If any of these counties or their cities has conducted a review and evaluation of its comprehensive plan and development regulations and, on or after January 1, 2001, has taken action in response to this review, it shall be deemed to have conducted the first review required by this act. Subsequent review and evaluation by such county or city must be conducted in accordance with the established time periods;
- (b) By December 1, 2005, and every seven years thereafter, for Cowlitz, Island, Lewis, Mason, San Juan, Skagit, and Skamania counties and the cities within those counties;
- (c) By December 1, 2006, and every seven years thereafter, for Benton, Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Kittitas, Spokane, and Yakima counties and the cities within those counties; and
- (d) By December 1, 2007, and every seven years thereafter, for Adams, Asotin, Columbia, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grays Harbor, Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan,

Pacific, Pend Oreille, Stevens, Wahkiakum, Walla Walla, and Whitman counties and the cities within those counties.

Counties and cities may begin this process early and may be eligible for grants from CTED, subject to available funding, if they elect to do so.

Noncompliance with this schedule eliminates eligibility for various loans, grants, and preferences.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

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| Senate | 39 | 0 |                    |
| House  | 92 | 0 | (House amended)    |
| Senate | 39 | 7 | (Senate concurred) |

**Effective:** June 13, 2002