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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a schedule for review of
2 comprehensive plans and development regulations adopted under the
3 growth management act; and amending RCW 36.70A.130.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.70A.130 and 1997 c 429 s 10 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1)(a) Each comprehensive land use plan and development regulations
8 shall be subject to continuing review and evaluation by the county or
9 city that adopted them. (~~Not later than September 1, 2002, and at~~
10 ~~least every five years thereafter,)~~ A county or city shall take action
11 to review and, if needed, revise its comprehensive land use plan and
12 development regulations to ensure ((that)) the plan and regulations
13 ((are complying)) comply with the requirements of this chapter
14 according to the time periods specified in subsection (4) of this
15 section and the criteria specified in subsection (5) of this section.
16 A county or city not planning under RCW 36.70A.040 shall take action to
17 review and, if needed, revise its policies and development regulations
18 regarding critical areas and natural resource lands adopted according
19 to this chapter to ensure these policies and regulations comply with

1 the requirements of this chapter according to the time periods
2 specified in subsection (4) of this section. The review and evaluation
3 required by this subsection may be combined with the review required by
4 subsection (3) of this section.

5 (b) Any amendment of or revision to a comprehensive land use plan
6 shall conform to this chapter(~~(, and any change)~~). Any amendment of or
7 revision to development regulations shall be consistent with and
8 implement the comprehensive plan.

9 (2)(a) Each county and city shall establish and broadly disseminate
10 to the public a public participation program identifying procedures
11 whereby proposed amendments or revisions of the comprehensive plan are
12 considered by the governing body of the county or city no more
13 frequently than once every year (~~(except that)~~). Amendments may be
14 considered more frequently than once per year under the following
15 circumstances:

16 (i) The initial adoption of a subarea plan;

17 (ii) The adoption or amendment of a shoreline master program under
18 the procedures set forth in chapter 90.58 RCW; and

19 (iii) The amendment of the capital facilities element of a
20 comprehensive plan that occurs concurrently with the adoption or
21 amendment of a county or city budget.

22 (b) Except as otherwise provided in (a) of this subsection, all
23 proposals shall be considered by the governing body concurrently so the
24 cumulative effect of the various proposals can be ascertained.
25 However, after appropriate public participation a county or city may
26 adopt amendments or revisions to its comprehensive plan that conform
27 with this chapter whenever an emergency exists or to resolve an appeal
28 of a comprehensive plan filed with a growth management hearings board
29 or with the court.

30 (3) Each county that designates urban growth areas under RCW
31 36.70A.110 shall review, at least every ten years, its designated urban
32 growth area or areas, and the densities permitted within both the
33 incorporated and unincorporated portions of each urban growth area. In
34 conjunction with this review by the county, each city located within an
35 urban growth area shall review the densities permitted within its
36 boundaries, and the extent to which the urban growth occurring within
37 the county has located within each city and the unincorporated portions
38 of the urban growth areas. The county comprehensive plan designating
39 urban growth areas, and the densities permitted in the urban growth

1 areas by the comprehensive plans of the county and each city located
2 within the urban growth areas, shall be revised to accommodate the
3 urban growth projected to occur in the county for the succeeding
4 twenty-year period. The review required by this subsection may be
5 combined with the review and evaluation required by RCW 36.70A.215.

6 (4) The department shall establish a schedule for counties and
7 cities to conduct the review and evaluation required by subsection (1)
8 of this section. The schedule established by the department shall
9 provide for the reviews and evaluations to be completed as follows:

10 (a) On or before July 1, 2004, and every ten years thereafter, for
11 Clark, King, Kitsap, Pierce, Snohomish, and Thurston counties and the
12 cities within those counties;

13 (b) On or before December 1, 2004, and every ten years thereafter,
14 for Clallam, Jefferson, and Whatcom counties and the cities within
15 those counties;

16 (c) On or before December 1, 2005, and every ten years thereafter,
17 for Cowlitz, Island, Lewis, Mason, San Juan, Skagit, and Skamania
18 counties and the cities within those counties;

19 (d) On or before December 1, 2006, and every ten years thereafter,
20 for Benton, Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Kittitas, Spokane, and Yakima
21 counties and the cities within those counties; and

22 (e) On or before December 1, 2007, and every ten years thereafter,
23 for Adams, Asotin, Columbia, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grays Harbor,
24 Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pacific, Pend Oreille, Stevens,
25 Wahkiakum, Walla Walla, and Whitman counties and the cities within
26 those counties.

27 (5) No county may be required to review or revise its comprehensive
28 plan and development regulations under subsections (1) and (4) of this
29 section unless the following criteria are met:

30 (a) The unemployment rate for the county is lower than six percent
31 as determined by the Washington state employment security department;

32 (b) The median household income of the county is at least forty-
33 five percent of the median household income for Washington state as
34 determined by the office of financial management;

35 (c) The county retail taxable sales per capita, as determined by
36 the department of revenue using population figures determined by the
37 office of financial management, are at least forty-five percent of the
38 median county taxable retail sales per capita in Washington state.

1 (6) Nothing in this section precludes a county or city from
2 conducting the review and evaluation required by this section before
3 the time limits established in subsection (4) of this section.
4 Counties and cities may begin this process early and may be eligible
5 for grants from the department, subject to available funding, if they
6 elect to do so.

7 (7) A county or city subject to the time periods in subsection
8 (4)(a) of this section that, pursuant to an ordinance adopted by the
9 county or city establishing a schedule for periodic review of its
10 comprehensive plan and development regulations, has conducted a review
11 and evaluation of its comprehensive plan and development regulations
12 and, on or after January 1, 2001, has taken action in response to that
13 review and evaluation shall be deemed to have conducted the first
14 review required by subsection (4)(a) of this section. Subsequent
15 review and evaluation by the county or city of its comprehensive plan
16 and development regulations shall be conducted in accordance with the
17 time periods established under subsection (4)(a) of this section.

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