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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; amending RCW 36.70A.130; and creating a new
4 section.

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

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

8 (1) Each comprehensive land use plan and development regulations
9 shall be subject to continuing review and evaluation by the county or
10 city that adopted them. Not later than September 1, 2002, and at least
11 every five years thereafter, a county or city shall take action to
12 formally review and, if needed, revise its policies and regulations
13 regarding critical areas and natural resource lands to ensure that
14 these policies and regulations comply with this chapter.

15 (2) A county or city planning under RCW 36.70A.040 shall take
16 action to formally review and, if needed, revise its comprehensive land
17 use plan and development regulations according to the following
18 schedule to ensure that the plan and regulations ((are complying))
19 comply with the requirements of this chapter:

1 (a) Not later than September 1, 2004, and every five years
2 thereafter, for a county or city subject to the requirements of RCW
3 36.70A.215;

4 (b) Not later than September 1, 2006, and every ten years
5 thereafter, for a county or city not subject to the requirements of RCW
6 36.70A.215 that adopted its comprehensive plan according to this
7 chapter between January 1, 1992, and January 1, 1997; and

8 (c) Not later than September 1, 2008, and every ten years
9 thereafter, for a county or city not subject to the requirements of RCW
10 36.70A.215 that adopted its comprehensive plan according to this
11 chapter after January 1, 1997.

12 (3) A county or city that becomes required or chooses to plan under
13 RCW 36.70A.040 after July 1, 2001, shall take action to formally review
14 and, if needed, revise its comprehensive plan and development
15 regulations no later than:

16 (a) According to the schedule in subsection (2)(a) of this section
17 for a county or city subject to the requirements of RCW 36.70A.215; or

18 (b) Ten years after the date it was required to adopt its initial
19 comprehensive plan and development regulations according to this
20 chapter for a county or city not subject to RCW 36.70A.215 and every
21 ten years thereafter.

22 (4) The ~~formal~~ review and evaluation required by ~~((this))~~
23 subsection (2) of this section may be combined with the review required
24 by subsection ~~((+3))~~ (8) of this section.

25 (5) Any amendment or revision to a comprehensive land use plan
26 shall conform to this chapter, and any change to development
27 regulations shall be consistent with and implement the comprehensive
28 plan.

29 ~~((+2))~~ (6) For purposes of this section, "take action to review"
30 includes the submittal by a county or city of an evaluation to the
31 department, no later than one year before the date specified for the
32 county or city in the schedule specified in subsection (2) of this
33 section, describing its review and evaluation process and a schedule
34 for considering amendments as needed to ensure compliance with this
35 chapter.

36 (7)(a) Each county and city shall establish and broadly disseminate
37 to the public a public participation program identifying procedures
38 whereby proposed amendments or revisions of the comprehensive plan are
39 considered by the governing body of the county or city no more

1 frequently than once every year except that amendments may be
2 considered more frequently under the following circumstances:

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

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

6 (iii) The amendment of the capital facilities element of a
7 comprehensive plan that occurs concurrently with the adoption or
8 amendment of a county or city budget.

9 (b) Except as otherwise provided in (a) of this subsection, all
10 proposals shall be considered by the governing body concurrently so the
11 cumulative effect of the various proposals can be ascertained.
12 However, after appropriate public participation a county or city may
13 adopt amendments or revisions to its comprehensive plan that conform
14 with this chapter whenever an emergency exists or to resolve an appeal
15 of a comprehensive plan filed with a growth management hearings board
16 or with the court.

17 ~~((+3+))~~ (8) Each county that designates urban growth areas under
18 RCW 36.70A.110 shall review, at least every ten years, its designated
19 urban growth area or areas, and the densities permitted within both the
20 incorporated and unincorporated portions of each urban growth area. In
21 conjunction with this review by the county, each city located within an
22 urban growth area shall review the densities permitted within its
23 boundaries, and the extent to which the urban growth occurring within
24 the county has located within each city and the unincorporated portions
25 of the urban growth areas. The county comprehensive plan designating
26 urban growth areas, and the densities permitted in the urban growth
27 areas by the comprehensive plans of the county and each city located
28 within the urban growth areas, shall be revised to accommodate the
29 urban growth projected to occur in the county for the succeeding
30 twenty-year period. The review required by this subsection may be
31 combined with the review and evaluation required by RCW 36.70A.215.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A county or city shall not be obligated to
33 satisfy the requirements of section 1 of this act if the county or city
34 has not received specific funding to satisfy the requirements of
35 section 1 of this act during the biennium corresponding to the
36 schedules specified in section 1 (1), (2), and (3) of this act.

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