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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5883**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Committee on State & Local Government (originally sponsored by Senators Patterson, Constantine, Kline, Fraser and Regala)

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1       AN ACT Relating to incorporating water supply and growth management  
2 planning; amending RCW 43.62.035; adding a new section to chapter 43.62  
3 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 36.70A RCW; and creating a new  
4 section.

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

6       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that water supply  
7 availability is an important consideration in planning for future  
8 population growth, but that presently there is inadequate integration  
9 of the information relating to existing water resources and current and  
10 forecasted water use demands into the forecasts of population growth  
11 and growth management planning to accommodate the forecasted growth.  
12 The legislature further finds that public and private municipal water  
13 suppliers having a duty to serve new growth within their service areas  
14 should have a greater role in the regional growth management planning  
15 activities that will determine the location of new growth for which  
16 adequate water service will be expected.

17       Therefore, the legislature intends to better integrate water supply  
18 availability information and water service planning into growth

1 management planning and related land use and infrastructure planning  
2 and programs.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.62 RCW  
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) The office of financial management shall consider water supply  
6 availability in determining growth management population planning  
7 projections under RCW 43.62.035.

8 (2) To assist the office in obtaining information necessary to  
9 consider water supply availability under this section, the department  
10 of ecology and the department of health shall use maximum effort to  
11 provide timely information regarding existing surface and ground water  
12 resources, watershed-level water resource assessments prepared under  
13 chapter 90.82 RCW, and other information relating to water resources  
14 and present and forecasted water use demands.

15 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.62.035 and 1997 c 429 s 26 are each amended to read  
16 as follows:

17 The office of financial management shall determine the population  
18 of each county of the state annually as of April 1st of each year and  
19 on or before July 1st of each year shall file a certificate with the  
20 secretary of state showing its determination of the population for each  
21 county. The office of financial management also shall determine the  
22 percentage increase in population for each county over the preceding  
23 ten-year period, as of April 1st, and shall file a certificate with the  
24 secretary of state by July 1st showing its determination. At least  
25 once every five years or upon the availability of decennial census  
26 data, whichever is later, the office of financial management shall  
27 prepare twenty-year growth management planning population projections  
28 required by RCW 36.70A.110 for each county that adopts a comprehensive  
29 plan under RCW 36.70A.040 and shall review these projections with such  
30 counties and the cities in those counties before final adoption.  
31 Beginning with revised projections issued after July 1, 2001, the  
32 office shall incorporate consideration of water supply availability  
33 using the information compiled as authorized by section 2 of this act.  
34 The county and its cities may provide to the office such information as  
35 they deem relevant to the office's projection, and the office shall  
36 consider and comment on such information before adoption. Each  
37 projection shall be expressed as a reasonable range developed within

1 the standard state high and low projection. The middle range shall  
2 represent the office's estimate of the most likely population  
3 projection for the county. If any city or county believes that a  
4 projection will not accurately reflect actual population growth in a  
5 county, it may petition the office to revise the projection  
6 accordingly. The office shall complete the first set of ranges for  
7 every county by December 31, 1995.

8 A comprehensive plan adopted or amended before December 31, 1995,  
9 shall not be considered to be in noncompliance with the twenty-year  
10 growth management planning population projection if the projection used  
11 in the comprehensive plan is in compliance with the range later adopted  
12 under this section.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 36.70A RCW  
14 to read as follows:

15 In the development and amendment of comprehensive plans under this  
16 chapter and in the development of regional policies under RCW  
17 36.70A.210, counties and cities shall ensure full consideration of  
18 water supply service plans, water resource availability information,  
19 and water use demand forecasts by the departments of ecology and health  
20 and by municipal water service providers with a service area within the  
21 geographic extent of the comprehensive plans and regional policies.

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