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1 AN ACT Relating to comprehensive plan amendment procedures; and
2 amending RCW 36.70A.130.

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

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

6 (1) Each comprehensive land use plan and development regulations
7 shall be subject to continuing review and evaluation by the county or
8 city that adopted them. Not later than September 1, 2002, and at least
9 every five years thereafter, a county or city shall take action to
10 review and, if needed, revise its comprehensive land use plan and
11 development regulations to ensure that the plan and regulations are
12 complying with the requirements of this chapter. The review and
13 evaluation required by this subsection may be combined with the review
14 required by subsection (3) of this section.

15 Any amendment or revision to a comprehensive land use plan shall
16 conform to this chapter, and any change to development regulations
17 shall be consistent with and implement the comprehensive plan.

18 (2)(a) Each county and city shall establish and broadly disseminate
19 to the public a public participation program identifying procedures

1 whereby proposed amendments or revisions of the comprehensive plan are
2 considered by the governing body of the county or city no more
3 frequently than once every year except that amendments may be
4 considered more frequently under the following circumstances:

5 (i) The governing body of the county or city may by ordinance or
6 resolution establish a procedure for consideration of amendments no
7 more frequently than once every six months;

8 (ii) The initial adoption of a subarea plan;

9 ~~((iii))~~ (iii) The adoption or amendment of a shoreline master
10 program under the procedures set forth in chapter 90.58 RCW; and

11 ~~((iii))~~ (iv) The amendment of the capital facilities element of
12 a comprehensive plan that occurs concurrently with the adoption or
13 amendment of a county or city budget.

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

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

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