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1 AN ACT Relating to urban growth area planning; and amending RCW
2 36.70A.115.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.70A.115 and 2003 c 333 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Counties and cities that are required or choose to plan under
7 RCW 36.70A.040 shall ensure that, taken collectively, adoption of and
8 amendments to their comprehensive plans and/or development regulations
9 provide sufficient capacity of land suitable for development within
10 their jurisdictions to accommodate their allocated housing and
11 employment growth, as adopted in the applicable countywide planning
12 policies and consistent with the twenty-year population forecast from
13 the office of financial management.

14 (2) If, after January 1, 2004, a county or city planning under RCW
15 36.70A.040 that amends its comprehensive plan to designate new critical
16 areas land located within an urban growth area in its comprehensive
17 plan land use element under RCW 36.70A.070(1) or amends its development
18 regulations or other standards and thereby reduces the development

1 potential of land within its urban growth area designated for
2 development in its comprehensive plan:

3 (a) That county or city must determine the acreage and qualitative
4 reduction in land suitable for development within its urban growth area
5 and docket that amount as a deficiency to the planning director of the
6 county in which the land is located;

7 (b) By September 1, 2006, and at least every five years thereafter,
8 each county, in consultation with its cities as required by RCW
9 36.70A.110 and 36.70A.210, must increase the total land area within its
10 urban growth areas by the total docketed acreage deficiency, with
11 comparable qualitative land characteristics, through amendment of the
12 county's comprehensive plan; and

13 (c) The county within which the increased land suitable for urban
14 development is located must review its comprehensive plan elements
15 under RCW 36.70A.070 and its development regulations under RCW
16 36.70A.060 and adopt any amendments necessary to assure that the
17 comprehensive plan elements and development regulations are consistent
18 with the changes required by (b) of this subsection. This review may
19 be combined with but may not be delayed by the review required by RCW
20 36.70A.130(3) or the review and evaluation required by RCW 36.70A.215.

21 (3) For purposes of this section, "docketing" means compiling and
22 maintaining a detailed list, available to the public, of acreage and
23 land use deficiencies in a manner that ensures the deficiencies will be
24 presented for the required periodic county action.

25 (4) For purposes of this section, "qualitative land
26 characteristics" means the designated use of the land in deficiency,
27 its suitability for development, the general location of that land
28 within the county, its physical characteristics, and the availability
29 of urban governmental services for the land.

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