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By Senators Mulliken and Rasmussen

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1 AN ACT Relating to removal of agricultural resource land
2 designation; and amending RCW 36.70A.170.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.70A.170 and 1990 1st ex.s. c 17 s 17 are each
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (1) On or before September 1, 1991, each county, and each city,
7 shall designate where appropriate:

8 (a) Agricultural lands that are not already characterized by urban
9 growth and that have long-term significance for the commercial
10 production of food or other agricultural products;

11 (b) Forest lands that are not already characterized by urban growth
12 and that have long-term significance for the commercial production of
13 timber;

14 (c) Mineral resource lands that are not already characterized by
15 urban growth and that have long-term significance for the extraction of
16 minerals; and

17 (d) Critical areas.

18 (2) In making the designations required by this section, counties

1 and cities shall consider the guidelines established pursuant to RCW
2 36.70A.050.

3 (3) An agricultural resource land designation previously adopted
4 pursuant to subsection (1)(a) of this section may be removed, if the
5 result complies with RCW 36.70A.020(8), 36.70A.060, and 36.70A.177 and
6 is consistent with guidelines adopted pursuant to RCW 36.70A.050 and
7 with the goals, objectives, and implementing policies of the governing
8 comprehensive plan. To remove an agricultural resource land
9 designation, a finding must be made that the land does not meet the
10 requirements of subsection (1)(a) of this section, based on criteria
11 that may include, but are not limited to, being surrounded by
12 incompatible residential uses or severed from a larger pattern of
13 agricultural use. Where there are adopted criteria for designation of
14 agricultural resource land, the finding must be based on the adopted
15 criteria.

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