

5661-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Land Use & Planning (originally sponsored by Senators Schmidt, Mulliken, Shin, Finkbeiner, Stevens, Esser, Johnson, Reardon and Oke)

Brief Description: Allowing the use of agricultural lands not currently being farmed as sites for recreational activities. Revised for 1st Substitute: Concerning the use of unused agricultural lands for interim recreational purposes.

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(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/03/04)

Provides that a county or city that is required or chooses to plan under RCW 36.70A.040 may, upon written request by the property owner and following the procedures required in that chapter, amend its comprehensive plan and development regulations to allow agricultural lands that have not been in use for commercial production within the previous five years to be used for recreational activities, including fields for sports played on grass, provided that: (1) The lands are conserved for potential future agricultural use;

(2) No permanent structures are erected on or beneath the lands; and

(3) The county or city annually reviews this interim use and the potential productive agricultural use of the lands.