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Sponsor(s): Senators Morton, Doumit and Mulliken

Brief Description: Requiring certain local governments to regulate forest practices.

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Provides that each county, city, and town assuming regulation of forest practices as provided in RCW 76.09.240 (1) and (2) shall adopt development regulations that: (1) Protect public resources, as defined in RCW 76.09.020, from material damage or the potential for material damage;

(2) Require appropriate approvals for all phases of the conversion of forest lands, including clearing and grading; and

(3) Are guided by the planning goals in RCW 36.70A.020 and by the purposes and policies of the forest practices act as set forth in RCW 76.09.010.

Requires that, if necessary, each county, city, or town that assumes regulation of forest practices under RCW 76.09.240 shall amend its comprehensive plan to ensure consistency between its comprehensive plan and development regulations.

Requires that, before a county, city, or town may regulate forest practices under RCW 76.09.240 (1) and (2), it shall update its development regulations as required by RCW 36.70A.130 and, if applicable, RCW 36.70A.215. Forest practices regulations adopted under RCW 76.09.240 (1) and (2) may be adopted as part of the legislative action taken under RCW 36.70A.130 or 36.70A.215.