

**ESSB 6386** - H AMD TO APP COMM AMD (H-5297.5/06) **971**  
By Representative Jarrett

**ADOPTED 2/24/2006**

1 On page 30, after line 16, insert the following:

2 "(42) \$20,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for  
3 fiscal year 2006 and \$480,000 of the general fund--state  
4 appropriation for fiscal year 2007 are provided solely for a land  
5 use task force. Funds may be used for policy, legal and financial  
6 research as directed by the task force, task force facilitation and  
7 outreach, and department expenses related to the task force.

8 (a) A joint legislative-executive task force is established for  
9 the purposes of gathering information, identifying issues, and  
10 developing recommendations on policy choices related to the  
11 effective implementation of the state's growth management act.

12 (b) The task force shall be comprised of two members of each of  
13 the major legislative caucuses from each of the house of  
14 representatives and the senate as appointed by the president of the  
15 senate and the speaker of the house of representatives, the  
16 governor or the governor's designee, and the director of the  
17 department. Staff support shall be provided by the department and  
18 legislative staff.

19 (d) The task force shall convene its first meeting no later  
20 than May 1, 2006. The task force shall consult with local  
21 governments and other groups responsible for, affected by, or  
22 involved in the implementation of the growth management act. The  
23 task force may secure research and facilitation services, and may  
24 establish work teams or advisory groups, as needed, to support  
25 their work.

26 (e) The task force shall secure an independent assessment of  
27 the effectiveness of land use programs in Washington in achieving  
28 the goals of the state's growth management act. The assessment  
29 shall rely on available information and focus on key benchmarks for  
30 each goal of the act.

1       (f) By December 1, 2006, the task force shall issue a report  
2 with recommendations on legislative and executive actions that  
3 address, at a minimum, the following topics: (i) How science is  
4 identified and applied when local governments develop regulations  
5 to protect critical areas under the growth management act, and the  
6 relationship of those regulations to pre-existing land uses; (ii)A  
7 review of the appeals process for actions taken under the growth  
8 management act, including data on the number and outcome of cases,  
9 and any recommendations on needed improvements to the appeals  
10 process.

11       (g) By June 30, 2007, the task force shall issue a report with  
12 recommendations on legislative and executive actions that address,  
13 at a minimum, the following topics: (i) How to better meet the  
14 infrastructure and basic service needs of growing communities,  
15 including schools, local roads, fire and police service, and water,  
16 sewer and other utilities, with recommendations for financing these  
17 service and infrastructure needs; (ii) How to ensure that state  
18 roads provide a level of service consistent with the local growth  
19 management decisions; (iii) The effect of the vested rights  
20 doctrine on the achievement of the goals and requirements of the  
21 growth management act; (iv) The effect of the provisions for fully  
22 contained communities and master planned resorts on the achievement  
23 of the goals and requirements of the growth management act;(v)  
24 Performance measures for the ongoing evaluation of land use  
25 programs, based on the assessment conducted under subsection (e) of  
26 this section; and (vi) Any recommendations for additional topics  
27 that warrant continued work by the task force or by other groups.

28       (h) The legislature intends that the task force shall expire  
29 December 31, 2007. If ESSB 6427 (extending land use planning  
30 deadlines)is not enacted by April 30, 2006, this subsection (42)  
31 shall be null and void and the funds in this proviso revert to the  
32 department for other uses."

**EFFECT:** Creates a joint legislative-executive land use task

force in the 2005-07 biennium that consists of two members from each legislative caucus, the governor or her designee, and the director of CTED. Staff support is to be provided by the Department and legislative staff. The task force is charged with securing an independent assessment on the effectiveness of land use programs in Washington in achieving the goals of the state's growth management act. The task force will issue a report by December 1, 2006 with recommendations on legislative executive actions that address specific topics. By June 30, 2007, the task force will issue a report with recommendations that address specific topics. The task force is intended to expire by December 31, 2007. The task force is to be funded with money freed up by the passage of ESSB 6472; if this bill is not enacted, the task force is null and void.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** No change to appropriated levels; however, moneys within appropriated levels are earmarked for a specific purpose.