
HOUSE BILL 3161

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1 AN ACT Relating to using adequacy of water supply in determining
2 population projections; and amending RCW 43.62.035.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.62.035 and 1997 c 429 s 26 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The office of financial management shall determine the population
7 of each county of the state annually as of April 1st of each year and
8 on or before July 1st of each year shall file a certificate with the
9 secretary of state showing its determination of the population for each
10 county. The office of financial management also shall determine the
11 percentage increase in population for each county over the preceding
12 ten-year period, as of April 1st, and shall file a certificate with the
13 secretary of state by July 1st showing its determination. At least
14 once every five years or upon the availability of decennial census
15 data, whichever is later, the office of financial management shall
16 prepare twenty-year growth management planning population projections
17 required by RCW 36.70A.110 for each county that adopts a comprehensive
18 plan under RCW 36.70A.040 and shall review these projections with such
19 counties and the cities in those counties before final adoption. The

1 population projections must be accompanied by a statement from the
2 director of financial management, in consultation with appropriate
3 state agencies and officials, stating that adequate water supplies
4 exist or will be available to serve the projected population. The
5 county and its cities may provide to the office such information as
6 they deem relevant to the office's projection, and the office shall
7 consider and comment on such information before adoption. Each
8 projection shall be expressed as a reasonable range developed within
9 the standard state high and low projection. The middle range shall
10 represent the office's estimate of the most likely population
11 projection for the county. If any city or county believes that a
12 projection will not accurately reflect actual population growth in a
13 county, it may petition the office to revise the projection
14 accordingly. The office shall complete the first set of ranges for
15 every county by December 31, 1995.

16 A comprehensive plan adopted or amended before December 31, 1995,
17 shall not be considered to be in noncompliance with the twenty-year
18 growth management planning population projection if the projection used
19 in the comprehensive plan is in compliance with the range later adopted
20 under this section.

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