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By Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Kastama, Pridemore and Kline)

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1 AN ACT Relating to public school facilities; and creating a new
2 section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) By December 1, 2007, the department of
5 community, trade, and economic development, in coordination with the
6 office of the superintendent of public instruction, will study how
7 local governments that are required or choose to plan under RCW
8 36.70A.040 and the school districts within whose boundaries they are
9 located could assure that permanent public school facility space
10 adequate to serve enrollment generated by residential development and
11 proximately located to the development is in place at the time the
12 enrollment is generated; develop recommendations for statutory
13 requirements, funding mechanisms, and planning processes; and present
14 the study and recommendations to the governor, the superintendent of
15 public instruction, and the legislature. The study and recommendations
16 shall assist the local governments and school districts in achieving
17 their overall school facility and community planning and development
18 objectives.

19 (2) The study and recommendations shall address the following:

1 (a) Statutory requirements for goals, comprehensive plan elements,
2 and development regulations under chapter 36.70A RCW, including but not
3 limited to (i) enhanced provisions within land use and capital
4 facilities elements or a separate public school facility's element, and
5 (ii) specifically including planning for adequate capacity of land
6 within land use categories in which public school facilities are an
7 allowable use in order to meet the goal of RCW 36.70A.020(8) for
8 natural resource lands;

9 (b) Provisions for state assistance for school plant facilities, as
10 set forth in chapter 28A.525 RCW and implementing regulations;

11 (c) Provisions of interlocal agreements between local governments
12 and school districts to coordinate planning and establish level of
13 service standards for schools, including but not limited to sources and
14 use of relevant data, local government infrastructure related to public
15 school facilities, shared use of facilities, dispute resolution, and
16 public participation and oversight;

17 (d) Review and enforcement of interlocal agreements and statutory
18 requirements, including but not limited to rule making, administrative
19 and judicial appeals, and sanctions;

20 (e) Other alternatives and model processes for enhanced
21 coordination between local governments and school districts, including
22 but not limited to needs for shared data and information, processes for
23 optimal coordination, local permitting and fee administration, and
24 enhanced communication procedures; and

25 (f) Any other topics relevant to the purpose of this section that
26 the department may identify.

27 (3) The department, in coordination with the office of the
28 superintendent of public instruction, shall convene a working group
29 that includes, but is not limited to, representatives of: Pierce,
30 Clark, Spokane, and other counties; cities; public school districts;
31 private sector groups, including developers and agricultural interests;
32 educational associations; relevant state agencies; and the office of
33 the superintendent of public instruction.

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