

HB 1680 - DIGEST

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Declares that local governments should be provided with the opportunity to obtain assistance from the state for the purpose of adopting or revising community planning processes to include concepts and policies designed to achieve the goal of improving neighborhood safety and security. This goal should be accomplished through community-based pilot projects funded through matching funds to be implemented through a grant process administered by the department of community, trade, and economic development.

Provides that, subject to funding made available for this purpose, the department shall include in its program of technical and financial assistance established in RCW 36.70A.190, two pilot projects created by local governments to encourage and facilitate both the study and implementation of safe neighborhood planning. Priority should be given to programs: (1) Aimed at facilitating improvements to existing private properties for the purpose of crime prevention;

(2) Integrated into a comprehensive crime prevention and property improvement plan; and

(3) Involving a partnership between the public and private sectors.

Requires the department of community, trade, and economic development to make a written report to the house of representatives local government committee by December 1, 2005, containing a description and evaluation of the pilot projects implemented under this act.