

**SB 5619-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that, while substantial progress has been made in protecting Washington's environment, more is now known about the significant effects of development along the state's shorelines.

Declares an intent to provide the tools necessary to address the evolving understanding of measures needed to maintain and, when required, enhance water quality for Washington's marine shorelines while accommodating appropriate development consistent with city and county comprehensive plans.

Recognizes the state's growth management act includes a goal and general requirements to protect water quality as well as the state's surface and ground waters, including Puget Sound. The legislature also recognizes these provisions are codified at RCW 36.70A.020(10), 36.70A.030(14)(g), and 36.70A.070 (1) and (5)(c)(iv).

Finds the approach taken in the growth management act will protect our marine waters and assist counties, cities, and the public.

Declares an intent that the provisions of this act be implemented by counties and cities according to the schedule specified in RCW 36.70A.130.

Provides that, when preparing comprehensive plans and development regulations according to chapter 36.70A RCW and when reviewing comprehensive plans and development regulations according to RCW 36.70A.130, cities and counties shall consider land use measures to maintain and, when required, enhance water quality and habitat as recommended by public agency plans or programs.

Declares that counties and cities may not designate in a comprehensive plan adopted under chapter 36.70A RCW urban growth areas on marine shorelines not already occupied by urban growth unless the designation is necessary for water-dependent or water-related uses.

Requires counties and cities to implement the requirements of this section according to the schedule specified in RCW 36.70A.130.