

ESSB 6580 - H COMM AMD
By Committee on Local Government

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature recognizes that the
4 implications of a changed climate will affect the people, institutions,
5 and economies of Washington. The legislature also recognizes that it
6 is in the public interest to reduce the state's dependence upon foreign
7 sources of carbon fuels that do not promote energy independence or the
8 economic strength of the state. The legislature finds that the state,
9 including its counties, cities, and residents, must engage in
10 activities that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and dependence upon
11 foreign oil.

12 (2) The legislature further recognizes that: (a) Patterns of land
13 use development influence transportation-related greenhouse gas
14 emissions and the need for foreign oil; (b) fossil fuel-based
15 transportation is the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in
16 Washington; and (c) the state and its residents will not achieve
17 emission reductions established in RCW 80.80.020 without a significant
18 decrease in transportation emissions.

19 (3) The legislature, therefore, finds that it is in the public
20 interest of the state to provide appropriate legal authority, where
21 required, and to aid in the development of policies, practices, and
22 methodologies that may assist counties and cities in addressing
23 challenges associated with greenhouse gas emissions and our state's
24 dependence upon foreign oil.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 36.70A RCW
26 to read as follows:

27 (1) The department must develop and provide to counties and cities
28 a range of advisory climate change response methodologies, a computer
29 modeling program, and estimates of greenhouse gas emission reductions

1 resulting from specific measures. The advisory methodologies, computer
2 modeling program, and estimates must reflect regional and local
3 variations and the diversity of counties and cities planning under RCW
4 36.70A.040. Advisory methodologies, the computer modeling program,
5 estimates, and guidance developed under this section must be consistent
6 with recommendations developed by the advisory policy committee
7 established in section 4 of this act.

8 (2) The department, in complying with this section, must work with
9 the department of transportation on reductions of vehicle miles
10 traveled through efforts associated with, and independent of, the
11 process directed by RCW 47.01.--- (section 8, chapter . . . (E2SHB
12 2815)), Laws of 2008.

13 (3) The department must complete and make available the advisory
14 climate change response methodologies, computer program, and estimates
15 required by this section by December 1, 2009. The advisory climate
16 change response methodologies, computer program, and estimates must be
17 updated two years before each completion date established in RCW
18 36.70A.130(4)(a).

19 (4) If specific funding for the purposes of this section,
20 referencing this act by bill or chapter number and section number, is
21 not provided by June 30, 2008, in the omnibus appropriations act, this
22 section is null and void.

23 (5) This section expires January 1, 2011.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) A local government global warming
25 mitigation and adaptation program is established. The program must be
26 administered by the department of community, trade, and economic
27 development and must conclude by June 30, 2010. The department must,
28 through a competitive process, select three or fewer counties and six
29 cities for the program. Counties selected must reflect a range of
30 opportunities to address climate change in urbanizing, resource, or
31 agricultural areas. Cities selected must reflect a range of sizes,
32 geographic locations, and variations between those that are highly
33 urbanized and those that are less so that have more residential
34 dwellings than employment positions.

35 (2) The program is established to assist the selected counties and
36 cities that: (a) Are addressing climate change through their land use
37 and transportation planning processes; and (b) aspire to address

1 climate change through their land use and transportation planning
2 processes, but lack necessary resources to do so. The department of
3 community, trade, and economic development may fund proposals to
4 inventory and mitigate global warming emissions, or adapt to the
5 adverse impacts of global warming, using criteria it develops to
6 accomplish the objectives of this section and sections 2 and 4 of this
7 act.

8 (3) The department of community, trade, and economic development
9 must provide grants and technical assistance to aid the selected
10 counties and cities in their efforts to anticipate, mitigate, and adapt
11 to global warming and its associated problems. The department, in
12 providing grants and technical assistance, must ensure that grants and
13 assistance are awarded to counties and cities meeting the criteria
14 established in subsection (2)(a) and (b) of this section.

15 (4) The department of community, trade, and economic development
16 must provide a report of program findings and recommendations to the
17 governor and the appropriate committees of the house of representatives
18 and the senate by January 1, 2011.

19 (5) If specific funding for the purposes of this section,
20 referencing this act by bill or chapter number and section number, is
21 not provided by June 30, 2008, in the omnibus appropriations act, this
22 section is null and void.

23 (6) This section expires January 1, 2011.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1)(a) With the use of funds provided by
25 specific appropriation, the department must prepare a report that
26 includes:

27 (i) Descriptions of actions counties and cities are taking to
28 address climate change issues. The department must use readily
29 available information when completing the requirements of this
30 subsection (1)(a)(i);

31 (ii) Recommendations of changes, if any, to chapter 36.70A RCW and
32 other relevant statutes that would enable state and local governments
33 to address climate change issues and the need to reduce dependence upon
34 foreign oil through land use and transportation planning processes;

35 (iii) Descriptions of existing and potential computer modeling and
36 other analytic and assessment tools that could be used by counties and

1 cities in addressing their proprietary and regulatory activities to
2 reduce greenhouse gas emissions and/or dependence upon foreign oil;

3 (iv) Assessments of state and local resources, financial and
4 otherwise, needed to fully implement recommendations resulting from and
5 associated with (a)(ii) and (iii) of this subsection; and

6 (v) Recommendations for additional funding to implement the
7 recommendations resulting from (a)(ii) of this subsection.

8 (b) The department must submit the report required by this section
9 to the governor and the appropriate committees of the house of
10 representatives and the senate by December 1, 2008.

11 (2)(a) In preparing the report required by this section, the
12 department must convene, and receive majority approval of report
13 recommendations from, an advisory policy committee, with members as
14 provided in this subsection.

15 (i) The speaker of the house of representatives must appoint one
16 member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of
17 representatives.

18 (ii) The president of the senate must appoint one member from each
19 of the two largest caucuses of the senate.

20 (iii) Three members representing counties and five members
21 representing cities. Members appointed under this subsection
22 (2)(a)(iii) must represent each of the jurisdictional areas of growth
23 management hearings boards and must be appointed by state associations
24 representing counties and cities.

25 (iv) One member representing tribal governments, appointed by the
26 governor.

27 (b) The advisory policy committee must have the following nonvoting
28 ex officio members:

29 (i) One member representing the office of the governor;

30 (ii) One member representing an association of builders;

31 (iii) One member representing an association of real estate
32 professionals;

33 (iv) One member representing an association of local government
34 planners;

35 (v) One member representing an association of agricultural
36 interests;

37 (vi) One member representing a nonprofit entity with experience in
38 growth management and land use planning issues;

1 (vii) One member representing a statewide business association;
2 (viii) One member representing a nonprofit entity with experience
3 in climate change issues;

4 (ix) One member representing a nonprofit entity with experience in
5 mobility and transportation issues;

6 (x) One member representing an association of office and industrial
7 properties; and

8 (xi) One member representing an association of architects.

9 (c)(i) The department, in preparing the report and presenting
10 information and recommendations to the advisory policy committee, must
11 convene a technical support team, with members as provided in this
12 subsection.

13 (A) The department of ecology must appoint one member representing
14 the department of ecology.

15 (B) The department must appoint one member representing the
16 department.

17 (C) The department of transportation must appoint one member
18 representing the department of transportation.

19 (ii) The department, in complying with this subsection (2)(c), must
20 consult with the professional staffs of counties and cities or their
21 state associations, and regional transportation planning organizations
22 and must solicit assistance from these staffs in developing materials
23 and options for consideration by the advisory policy committee.

24 (3) Nominations for organizations represented in subsection (2) of
25 this section must be submitted to the department by April 15, 2008.

26 (4) For purposes of this section, "department" means the department
27 of community, trade, and economic development.

28 (5) This section expires December 31, 2008.

29 **Sec. 5.** RCW 36.70A.280 and 2003 c 332 s 2 are each amended to read
30 as follows:

31 (1) A growth management hearings board shall hear and determine
32 only those petitions alleging either:

33 (a) That, except as provided otherwise by this subsection, a state
34 agency, county, or city planning under this chapter is not in
35 compliance with the requirements of this chapter, chapter 90.58 RCW as
36 it relates to the adoption of shoreline master programs or amendments
37 thereto, or chapter 43.21C RCW as it relates to plans, development

1 regulations, or amendments, adopted under RCW 36.70A.040 or chapter
2 90.58 RCW. Nothing in this subsection authorizes a board to hear
3 petitions alleging noncompliance with section 3 of this act; or

4 (b) That the twenty-year growth management planning population
5 projections adopted by the office of financial management pursuant to
6 RCW 43.62.035 should be adjusted.

7 (2) A petition may be filed only by: (a) The state, or a county or
8 city that plans under this chapter; (b) a person who has participated
9 orally or in writing before the county or city regarding the matter on
10 which a review is being requested; (c) a person who is certified by the
11 governor within sixty days of filing the request with the board; or (d)
12 a person qualified pursuant to RCW 34.05.530.

13 (3) For purposes of this section "person" means any individual,
14 partnership, corporation, association, state agency, governmental
15 subdivision or unit thereof, or public or private organization or
16 entity of any character.

17 (4) To establish participation standing under subsection (2)(b) of
18 this section, a person must show that his or her participation before
19 the county or city was reasonably related to the person's issue as
20 presented to the board.

21 (5) When considering a possible adjustment to a growth management
22 planning population projection prepared by the office of financial
23 management, a board shall consider the implications of any such
24 adjustment to the population forecast for the entire state.

25 The rationale for any adjustment that is adopted by a board must be
26 documented and filed with the office of financial management within ten
27 working days after adoption.

28 If adjusted by a board, a county growth management planning
29 population projection shall only be used for the planning purposes set
30 forth in this chapter and shall be known as a "board adjusted
31 population projection". None of these changes shall affect the
32 official state and county population forecasts prepared by the office
33 of financial management, which shall continue to be used for state
34 budget and planning purposes.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act is not intended to amend or affect
36 chapter 353, Laws of 2007.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** This act is necessary for the immediate
2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
3 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
4 immediately."

5 Correct the title.

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