
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1135

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By House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Appleton, Rolfes, Lantz, Seaquist and Clibborn)

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1 AN ACT Relating to aquifer conservation zones in qualifying island
2 cities without access to potable water sources outside their
3 jurisdiction; and adding a new section to chapter 36.70A RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 36.70A RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) Any city coterminous with, and comprised only of, an island
8 that relies solely on groundwater aquifers for its potable water source
9 and does not have reasonable access to a potable water source outside
10 its jurisdiction may designate one or more aquifer conservation zones.

11 Aquifer conservation zones may only be designated for the purpose
12 of conserving and protecting potable water sources.

13 (2) Aquifer conservation zones may not be considered critical areas
14 under this chapter except to the extent that specific areas located
15 within aquifer conservation zones qualify for critical area designation
16 and have been designated as such under RCW 36.70A.060(2).

17 (3) Any city may consider whether an area is within an aquifer
18 conservation zone when determining the residential density of that

1 particular area. The residential densities within conservation zones,
2 in combination with other densities of the city, must be sufficient to
3 accommodate projected population growth under RCW 36.70A.110.

4 (4) Nothing in this section may be construed to modify the
5 population accommodation obligations required of jurisdictions under
6 this chapter.

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