

HB 1558-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes a growth management needs and priorities task force.

Requires that, by December 1, 2007, the task force shall issue a report with recommendations on legislative and executive actions that address, at a minimum, the following topics: (1) How to improve the effectiveness of the growth management act to meet the goals set forth in chapter 36.70A RCW;

(2) How to best meet the infrastructure and basic service needs of growing communities, including schools, local roads, fire and police service, and water, sewer, and other utilities, with recommendations for financing these service and infrastructure needs;

(3) How to best provide incentives to accommodate projected growth, protect resource lands, and protect critical areas;

(4) How local governments are prepared to address land use changes associated with climate change; and

(5) Address any recommendations for additional topics that warrant continued work by the task force or by other groups.

Appropriates the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, from the general fund to the department of community, trade, and economic development for the purposes of this act.