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1 AN ACT Relating to reporting requirements in the growth management
2 act; and amending RCW 36.70A.070, 36.70A.210, and 36.70A.215.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.70A.070 and 2005 c 360 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The comprehensive plan of a county or city that is required or
7 chooses to plan under RCW 36.70A.040 shall consist of a map or maps,
8 and descriptive text covering objectives, principles, and standards
9 used to develop the comprehensive plan. The plan shall be an
10 internally consistent document and all elements shall be consistent
11 with the future land use map. A comprehensive plan shall be adopted
12 and amended with public participation as provided in RCW 36.70A.140.

13 Each comprehensive plan shall include a plan, scheme, or design for
14 each of the following:

15 (1) A land use element designating the proposed general
16 distribution and general location and extent of the uses of land, where
17 appropriate, for agriculture, timber production, housing, commerce,
18 industry, recreation, open spaces, general aviation airports, public
19 utilities, public facilities, and other land uses. The land use

1 element shall include population densities, building intensities, and
2 estimates of future population growth. The land use element shall
3 provide for protection of the quality and quantity of groundwater used
4 for public water supplies. Wherever possible, the land use element
5 should consider utilizing urban planning approaches that promote
6 physical activity. Where applicable, the land use element shall review
7 drainage, flooding, and storm water run-off in the area and nearby
8 jurisdictions and provide guidance for corrective actions to mitigate
9 or cleanse those discharges that pollute waters of the state, including
10 Puget Sound or waters entering Puget Sound.

11 (2)(a) A housing element ensuring the vitality and character of
12 established residential neighborhoods that: ~~((a))~~ (i) Includes an
13 inventory and analysis of existing and projected housing needs that
14 identifies the number of housing units necessary to manage projected
15 growth; ~~((b))~~ (ii) includes a statement of goals, policies,
16 objectives, and mandatory provisions for the preservation, improvement,
17 and development of housing, including single-family residences; ~~((c))~~
18 (iii) identifies sufficient land for housing, including, but not
19 limited to, government-assisted housing, housing for low-income
20 families, manufactured housing, multifamily housing, and group homes
21 and foster care facilities; and ~~((d))~~ (iv) makes adequate provisions
22 for existing and projected needs of all economic segments of the
23 community.

24 (b)(i) The department shall develop criteria for evaluating county
25 and city compliance with (a) of this subsection. The department shall
26 consult with counties and cities planning under RCW 36.70A.040 in
27 complying with this subsection.

28 (ii) On or before December 1, 2009, and annually thereafter, the
29 department shall submit to the appropriate committees of the house of
30 representatives and the senate a report evaluating county and city
31 compliance with (a) of this subsection.

32 (3) A capital facilities plan element consisting of: (a) An
33 inventory of existing capital facilities owned by public entities,
34 showing the locations and capacities of the capital facilities; (b) a
35 forecast of the future needs for such capital facilities; (c) the
36 proposed locations and capacities of expanded or new capital
37 facilities; (d) at least a six-year plan that will finance such capital
38 facilities within projected funding capacities and clearly identifies

1 sources of public money for such purposes; and (e) a requirement to
2 reassess the land use element if probable funding falls short of
3 meeting existing needs and to ensure that the land use element, capital
4 facilities plan element, and financing plan within the capital
5 facilities plan element are coordinated and consistent. Park and
6 recreation facilities shall be included in the capital facilities plan
7 element.

8 (4) A utilities element consisting of the general location,
9 proposed location, and capacity of all existing and proposed utilities,
10 including, but not limited to, electrical lines, telecommunication
11 lines, and natural gas lines.

12 (5) Rural element. Counties shall include a rural element
13 including lands that are not designated for urban growth, agriculture,
14 forest, or mineral resources. The following provisions shall apply to
15 the rural element:

16 (a) Growth management act goals and local circumstances. Because
17 circumstances vary from county to county, in establishing patterns of
18 rural densities and uses, a county may consider local circumstances,
19 but shall develop a written record explaining how the rural element
20 harmonizes the planning goals in RCW 36.70A.020 and meets the
21 requirements of this chapter.

22 (b) Rural development. The rural element shall permit rural
23 development, forestry, and agriculture in rural areas. The rural
24 element shall provide for a variety of rural densities, uses, essential
25 public facilities, and rural governmental services needed to serve the
26 permitted densities and uses. To achieve a variety of rural densities
27 and uses, counties may provide for clustering, density transfer, design
28 guidelines, conservation easements, and other innovative techniques
29 that will accommodate appropriate rural densities and uses that are not
30 characterized by urban growth and that are consistent with rural
31 character.

32 (c) Measures governing rural development. The rural element shall
33 include measures that apply to rural development and protect the rural
34 character of the area, as established by the county, by:

- 35 (i) Containing or otherwise controlling rural development;
- 36 (ii) Assuring visual compatibility of rural development with the
37 surrounding rural area;

1 (iii) Reducing the inappropriate conversion of undeveloped land
2 into sprawling, low-density development in the rural area;

3 (iv) Protecting critical areas, as provided in RCW 36.70A.060, and
4 surface water and groundwater resources; and

5 (v) Protecting against conflicts with the use of agricultural,
6 forest, and mineral resource lands designated under RCW 36.70A.170.

7 (d) Limited areas of more intensive rural development. Subject to
8 the requirements of this subsection and except as otherwise
9 specifically provided in this subsection (5)(d), the rural element may
10 allow for limited areas of more intensive rural development, including
11 necessary public facilities and public services to serve the limited
12 area as follows:

13 (i) Rural development consisting of the infill, development, or
14 redevelopment of existing commercial, industrial, residential, or
15 mixed-use areas, whether characterized as shoreline development,
16 villages, hamlets, rural activity centers, or crossroads developments.

17 (A) A commercial, industrial, residential, shoreline, or mixed-use
18 area shall be subject to the requirements of (d)(iv) of this
19 subsection, but shall not be subject to the requirements of (c)(ii) and
20 (iii) of this subsection.

21 (B) Any development or redevelopment other than an industrial area
22 or an industrial use within a mixed-use area or an industrial area
23 under this subsection (5)(d)(i) must be principally designed to serve
24 the existing and projected rural population.

25 (C) Any development or redevelopment in terms of building size,
26 scale, use, or intensity shall be consistent with the character of the
27 existing areas. Development and redevelopment may include changes in
28 use from vacant land or a previously existing use so long as the new
29 use conforms to the requirements of this subsection (5);

30 (ii) The intensification of development on lots containing, or new
31 development of, small-scale recreational or tourist uses, including
32 commercial facilities to serve those recreational or tourist uses, that
33 rely on a rural location and setting, but that do not include new
34 residential development. A small-scale recreation or tourist use is
35 not required to be principally designed to serve the existing and
36 projected rural population. Public services and public facilities
37 shall be limited to those necessary to serve the recreation or tourist

1 use and shall be provided in a manner that does not permit low-density
2 sprawl;

3 (iii) The intensification of development on lots containing
4 isolated nonresidential uses or new development of isolated cottage
5 industries and isolated small-scale businesses that are not principally
6 designed to serve the existing and projected rural population and
7 nonresidential uses, but do provide job opportunities for rural
8 residents. Rural counties may allow the expansion of small-scale
9 businesses as long as those small-scale businesses conform with the
10 rural character of the area as defined by the local government
11 according to RCW 36.70A.030(~~((+14))~~) (15). Rural counties may also
12 allow new small-scale businesses to utilize a site previously occupied
13 by an existing business as long as the new small-scale business
14 conforms to the rural character of the area as defined by the local
15 government according to RCW 36.70A.030(~~((+14))~~) (15). Public services
16 and public facilities shall be limited to those necessary to serve the
17 isolated nonresidential use and shall be provided in a manner that does
18 not permit low-density sprawl;

19 (iv) A county shall adopt measures to minimize and contain the
20 existing areas or uses of more intensive rural development, as
21 appropriate, authorized under this subsection. Lands included in such
22 existing areas or uses shall not extend beyond the logical outer
23 boundary of the existing area or use, thereby allowing a new pattern of
24 low-density sprawl. Existing areas are those that are clearly
25 identifiable and contained and where there is a logical boundary
26 delineated predominately by the built environment, but that may also
27 include undeveloped lands if limited as provided in this subsection.
28 The county shall establish the logical outer boundary of an area of
29 more intensive rural development. In establishing the logical outer
30 boundary the county shall address (A) the need to preserve the
31 character of existing natural neighborhoods and communities, (B)
32 physical boundaries such as bodies of water, streets and highways, and
33 land forms and contours, (C) the prevention of abnormally irregular
34 boundaries, and (D) the ability to provide public facilities and public
35 services in a manner that does not permit low-density sprawl;

36 (v) For purposes of (d) of this subsection, an existing area or
37 existing use is one that was in existence:

1 (A) On July 1, 1990, in a county that was initially required to
2 plan under all of the provisions of this chapter;

3 (B) On the date the county adopted a resolution under RCW
4 36.70A.040(2), in a county that is planning under all of the provisions
5 of this chapter under RCW 36.70A.040(2); or

6 (C) On the date the office of financial management certifies the
7 county's population as provided in RCW 36.70A.040(5), in a county that
8 is planning under all of the provisions of this chapter pursuant to RCW
9 36.70A.040(5).

10 (e) Exception. This subsection shall not be interpreted to permit
11 in the rural area a major industrial development or a master planned
12 resort unless otherwise specifically permitted under RCW 36.70A.360 and
13 36.70A.365.

14 (6) A transportation element that implements, and is consistent
15 with, the land use element.

16 (a) The transportation element shall include the following
17 subelements:

18 (i) Land use assumptions used in estimating travel;

19 (ii) Estimated traffic impacts to state-owned transportation
20 facilities resulting from land use assumptions to assist the department
21 of transportation in monitoring the performance of state facilities, to
22 plan improvements for the facilities, and to assess the impact of land-
23 use decisions on state-owned transportation facilities;

24 (iii) Facilities and services needs, including:

25 (A) An inventory of air, water, and ground transportation
26 facilities and services, including transit alignments and general
27 aviation airport facilities, to define existing capital facilities and
28 travel levels as a basis for future planning. This inventory must
29 include state-owned transportation facilities within the city or
30 county's jurisdictional boundaries;

31 (B) Level of service standards for all locally owned arterials and
32 transit routes to serve as a gauge to judge performance of the system.
33 These standards should be regionally coordinated;

34 (C) For state-owned transportation facilities, level of service
35 standards for highways, as prescribed in chapters 47.06 and 47.80 RCW,
36 to gauge the performance of the system. The purposes of reflecting
37 level of service standards for state highways in the local
38 comprehensive plan are to monitor the performance of the system, to

1 evaluate improvement strategies, and to facilitate coordination between
2 the county's or city's six-year street, road, or transit program and
3 the department of transportation's six-year investment program. The
4 concurrency requirements of (b) of this subsection do not apply to
5 transportation facilities and services of statewide significance except
6 for counties consisting of islands whose only connection to the
7 mainland are state highways or ferry routes. In these island counties,
8 state highways and ferry route capacity must be a factor in meeting the
9 concurrency requirements in (b) of this subsection;

10 (D) Specific actions and requirements for bringing into compliance
11 locally owned transportation facilities or services that are below an
12 established level of service standard;

13 (E) Forecasts of traffic for at least ten years based on the
14 adopted land use plan to provide information on the location, timing,
15 and capacity needs of future growth;

16 (F) Identification of state and local system needs to meet current
17 and future demands. Identified needs on state-owned transportation
18 facilities must be consistent with the statewide multimodal
19 transportation plan required under chapter 47.06 RCW;

20 (iv) Finance, including:

21 (A) An analysis of funding capability to judge needs against
22 probable funding resources;

23 (B) A multiyear financing plan based on the needs identified in the
24 comprehensive plan, the appropriate parts of which shall serve as the
25 basis for the six-year street, road, or transit program required by RCW
26 35.77.010 for cities, RCW 36.81.121 for counties, and RCW 35.58.2795
27 for public transportation systems. The multiyear financing plan should
28 be coordinated with the ((~~six-year~~)) ten-year improvement program
29 developed by the department of transportation as required by RCW
30 47.05.030;

31 (C) If probable funding falls short of meeting identified needs, a
32 discussion of how additional funding will be raised, or how land use
33 assumptions will be reassessed to ensure that level of service
34 standards will be met;

35 (v) Intergovernmental coordination efforts, including an assessment
36 of the impacts of the transportation plan and land use assumptions on
37 the transportation systems of adjacent jurisdictions;

38 (vi) Demand-management strategies;

1 (vii) Pedestrian and bicycle component to include collaborative
2 efforts to identify and designate planned improvements for pedestrian
3 and bicycle facilities and corridors that address and encourage
4 enhanced community access and promote healthy lifestyles.

5 (b) After adoption of the comprehensive plan by jurisdictions
6 required to plan or who choose to plan under RCW 36.70A.040, local
7 jurisdictions must adopt and enforce ordinances which prohibit
8 development approval if the development causes the level of service on
9 a locally owned transportation facility to decline below the standards
10 adopted in the transportation element of the comprehensive plan, unless
11 transportation improvements or strategies to accommodate the impacts of
12 development are made concurrent with the development. These strategies
13 may include increased public transportation service, ride sharing
14 programs, demand management, and other transportation systems
15 management strategies. For the purposes of this subsection (6)
16 "concurrent with the development" shall mean that improvements or
17 strategies are in place at the time of development, or that a financial
18 commitment is in place to complete the improvements or strategies
19 within six years.

20 (c) The transportation element described in this subsection (6),
21 and the six-year plans required by RCW 35.77.010 for cities, RCW
22 36.81.121 for counties, and RCW 35.58.2795 for public transportation
23 systems, and the ten-year plan required by RCW 47.05.030 for the state,
24 must be consistent.

25 (7) An economic development element establishing local goals,
26 policies, objectives, and provisions for economic growth and vitality
27 and a high quality of life. The element shall include: (a) A summary
28 of the local economy such as population, employment, payroll, sectors,
29 businesses, sales, and other information as appropriate; (b) a summary
30 of the strengths and weaknesses of the local economy defined as the
31 commercial and industrial sectors and supporting factors such as land
32 use, transportation, utilities, education, workforce, housing, and
33 natural/cultural resources; and (c) an identification of policies,
34 programs, and projects to foster economic growth and development and to
35 address future needs. A city that has chosen to be a residential
36 community is exempt from the economic development element requirement
37 of this subsection.

1 (8) A park and recreation element that implements, and is
2 consistent with, the capital facilities plan element as it relates to
3 park and recreation facilities. The element shall include: (a)
4 Estimates of park and recreation demand for at least a ten-year period;
5 (b) an evaluation of facilities and service needs; and (c) an
6 evaluation of intergovernmental coordination opportunities to provide
7 regional approaches for meeting park and recreational demand.

8 (9) It is the intent that new or amended elements required after
9 January 1, 2002, be adopted concurrent with the scheduled update
10 provided in RCW 36.70A.130. Requirements to incorporate any such new
11 or amended elements shall be null and void until funds sufficient to
12 cover applicable local government costs are appropriated and
13 distributed by the state at least two years before local government
14 must update comprehensive plans as required in RCW 36.70A.130.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 36.70A.210 and 1998 c 171 s 4 are each amended to read
16 as follows:

17 (1) The legislature recognizes that counties are regional
18 governments within their boundaries, and cities are primary providers
19 of urban governmental services within urban growth areas. For the
20 purposes of this section, a "countywide planning policy" is a written
21 policy statement or statements used solely for establishing a
22 countywide framework from which county and city comprehensive plans are
23 developed and adopted pursuant to this chapter. This framework shall
24 ensure that city and county comprehensive plans are consistent as
25 required in RCW 36.70A.100. Nothing in this section shall be construed
26 to alter the land-use powers of cities.

27 (2) The legislative authority of a county that plans under RCW
28 36.70A.040 shall adopt a countywide planning policy in cooperation with
29 the cities located in whole or in part within the county as follows:

30 (a) No later than sixty calendar days from July 16, 1991, the
31 legislative authority of each county that as of June 1, 1991, was
32 required or chose to plan under RCW 36.70A.040 shall convene a meeting
33 with representatives of each city located within the county for the
34 purpose of establishing a collaborative process that will provide a
35 framework for the adoption of a countywide planning policy. In other
36 counties that are required or choose to plan under RCW 36.70A.040, this

1 meeting shall be convened no later than sixty days after the date the
2 county adopts its resolution of intention or was certified by the
3 office of financial management.

4 (b) The process and framework for adoption of a countywide planning
5 policy specified in (a) of this subsection shall determine the manner
6 in which the county and the cities agree to all procedures and
7 provisions including but not limited to desired planning policies,
8 deadlines, ratification of final agreements and demonstration thereof,
9 and financing, if any, of all activities associated therewith.

10 (c) If a county fails for any reason to convene a meeting with
11 representatives of cities as required in (a) of this subsection, the
12 governor may immediately impose any appropriate sanction or sanctions
13 on the county from those specified under RCW 36.70A.340.

14 (d) If there is no agreement by October 1, 1991, in a county that
15 was required or chose to plan under RCW 36.70A.040 as of June 1, 1991,
16 or if there is no agreement within one hundred twenty days of the date
17 the county adopted its resolution of intention or was certified by the
18 office of financial management in any other county that is required or
19 chooses to plan under RCW 36.70A.040, the governor shall first inquire
20 of the jurisdictions as to the reason or reasons for failure to reach
21 an agreement. If the governor deems it appropriate, the governor may
22 immediately request the assistance of the department of community,
23 trade, and economic development to mediate any disputes that preclude
24 agreement. If mediation is unsuccessful in resolving all disputes that
25 will lead to agreement, the governor may impose appropriate sanctions
26 from those specified under RCW 36.70A.340 on the county, city, or
27 cities for failure to reach an agreement as provided in this section.
28 The governor shall specify the reason or reasons for the imposition of
29 any sanction.

30 (e) No later than July 1, 1992, the legislative authority of each
31 county that was required or chose to plan under RCW 36.70A.040 as of
32 June 1, 1991, or no later than fourteen months after the date the
33 county adopted its resolution of intention or was certified by the
34 office of financial management the county legislative authority of any
35 other county that is required or chooses to plan under RCW 36.70A.040,
36 shall adopt a countywide planning policy according to the process
37 provided under this section and that is consistent with the agreement

1 pursuant to (b) of this subsection, and after holding a public hearing
2 or hearings on the proposed countywide planning policy.

3 (3) A countywide planning policy shall at a minimum, address the
4 following:

5 (a) Policies to implement RCW 36.70A.110;

6 (b) Policies for promotion of contiguous and orderly development
7 and provision of urban services to such development;

8 (c) Policies for siting public capital facilities of a countywide
9 or statewide nature, including transportation facilities of statewide
10 significance as defined in RCW 47.06.140;

11 (d) Policies for countywide transportation facilities and
12 strategies;

13 (e) Policies that consider the need for affordable housing, such as
14 housing for all economic segments of the population and parameters for
15 its distribution;

16 (f) Policies for joint county and city planning within urban growth
17 areas;

18 (g) Policies for countywide economic development and employment;
19 and

20 (h) An analysis of the fiscal impact.

21 (4) Federal agencies and Indian tribes may participate in and
22 cooperate with the countywide planning policy adoption process.
23 Adopted countywide planning policies shall be adhered to by state
24 agencies.

25 (5) Failure to adopt a countywide planning policy that meets the
26 requirements of this section may result in the imposition of a sanction
27 or sanctions on a county or city within the county, as specified in RCW
28 36.70A.340. In imposing a sanction or sanctions, the governor shall
29 specify the reasons for failure to adopt a countywide planning policy
30 in order that any imposed sanction or sanctions are fairly and
31 equitably related to the failure to adopt a countywide planning policy.

32 (6) Cities and the governor may appeal an adopted countywide
33 planning policy to the growth management hearings board within sixty
34 days of the adoption of the countywide planning policy.

35 (7) Multicounty planning policies shall be adopted by two or more
36 counties, each with a population of four hundred fifty thousand or
37 more, with contiguous urban areas and may be adopted by other counties,

1 according to the process established under this section or other
2 processes agreed to among the counties and cities within the affected
3 counties throughout the multicounty region.

4 (8) On or before December 1, 2009, and every three years
5 thereafter, the department shall submit to the appropriate committees
6 of the house of representatives and the senate a report analyzing
7 compliance with the requirements of this section.

8 **Sec. 3.** RCW 36.70A.215 and 1997 c 429 s 25 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 (1) Subject to the limitations in subsection (7) of this section,
11 a county shall adopt, in consultation with its cities, county-wide
12 planning policies to establish a review and evaluation program. This
13 program shall be in addition to the requirements of RCW 36.70A.110,
14 36.70A.130, and 36.70A.210. In developing and implementing the review
15 and evaluation program required by this section, the county and its
16 cities shall consider information from other appropriate jurisdictions
17 and sources. The purpose of the review and evaluation program shall be
18 to:

19 (a) Determine whether a county and its cities are achieving urban
20 densities within urban growth areas by comparing growth and development
21 assumptions, targets, and objectives contained in the county-wide
22 planning policies and the county and city comprehensive plans with
23 actual growth and development that has occurred in the county and its
24 cities; and

25 (b) Identify reasonable measures, other than adjusting urban growth
26 areas, that will be taken to comply with the requirements of this
27 chapter.

28 (2) The review and evaluation program shall:

29 (a) Encompass land uses and activities both within and outside of
30 urban growth areas and provide for annual collection of data on urban
31 and rural land uses, development, critical areas, and capital
32 facilities to the extent necessary to determine the quantity and type
33 of land suitable for development, both for residential and employment-
34 based activities;

35 (b) Provide for evaluation of the data collected under (a) of this
36 subsection every five years as provided in subsection (3) of this
37 section. The first evaluation shall be completed not later than

1 September 1, 2002. The county and its cities may establish in the
2 county-wide planning policies indicators, benchmarks, and other similar
3 criteria to use in conducting the evaluation;

4 (c) Provide for methods to resolve disputes among jurisdictions
5 relating to the county-wide planning policies required by this section
6 and procedures to resolve inconsistencies in collection and analysis of
7 data; and

8 (d) Provide for the amendment of the county-wide policies and
9 county and city comprehensive plans as needed to remedy an
10 inconsistency identified through the evaluation required by this
11 section, or to bring these policies into compliance with the
12 requirements of this chapter.

13 (3) At a minimum, the evaluation component of the program required
14 by subsection (1) of this section shall:

15 (a) Determine whether there is sufficient suitable land to
16 accommodate the county-wide population projection established for the
17 county pursuant to RCW 43.62.035 and the subsequent population
18 allocations within the county and between the county and its cities and
19 the requirements of RCW 36.70A.110;

20 (b) Determine the actual density of housing that has been
21 constructed and the actual amount of land developed for commercial and
22 industrial uses within the urban growth area since the adoption of a
23 comprehensive plan under this chapter or since the last periodic
24 evaluation as required by subsection (1) of this section; and

25 (c) Based on the actual density of development as determined under
26 (b) of this subsection, review commercial, industrial, and housing
27 needs by type and density range to determine the amount of land needed
28 for commercial, industrial, and housing for the remaining portion of
29 the twenty-year planning period used in the most recently adopted
30 comprehensive plan.

31 (4) If the evaluation required by subsection (3) of this section
32 demonstrates an inconsistency between what has occurred since the
33 adoption of the county-wide planning policies and the county and city
34 comprehensive plans and development regulations and what was envisioned
35 in those policies and plans and the planning goals and the requirements
36 of this chapter, as the inconsistency relates to the evaluation factors
37 specified in subsection (3) of this section, the county and its cities
38 shall adopt and implement measures that are reasonably likely to

1 increase consistency during the subsequent five-year period. If
2 necessary, a county, in consultation with its cities as required by RCW
3 36.70A.210, shall adopt amendments to county-wide planning policies to
4 increase consistency. The county and its cities shall annually monitor
5 the measures adopted under this subsection to determine their effect
6 and may revise or rescind them as appropriate.

7 (5)(a) (~~Not later than July 1, 1998,~~) The department, on or
8 before each December 31st, shall prepare a list of methods used by
9 counties and cities (~~in carrying out the types of activities required~~
10 ~~by~~) to comply with the requirements of this section. The department,
11 on or before each March 1st, shall provide this information and
12 appropriate technical assistance to counties and cities required to or
13 choosing to comply with the provisions of this section.

14 (b) (~~By December 31, 2007,~~) The department, on or before December
15 31, 2009, and every five years thereafter, shall submit to the
16 appropriate committees of the (~~legislature a report~~) house of
17 representatives and the senate an assessment evaluation analyzing the
18 effectiveness of the (~~activities described in~~) requirements of this
19 section in achieving the goals envisioned by the county-wide planning
20 policies and the comprehensive plans and development regulations of the
21 counties and cities. The assessment evaluations required of the
22 department under this subsection (5)(b) must include recommendations
23 for legislation the department deems necessary to increase the
24 effectiveness of the requirements of this section in achieving the
25 goals envisioned by county-wide planning policies and the comprehensive
26 plans and development regulations of counties and cities.

27 (6) From funds appropriated by the legislature for this purpose,
28 the department shall provide grants to counties, cities, and regional
29 planning organizations required under subsection (7) of this section to
30 conduct the review and perform the evaluation required by this section.

31 (7) The provisions of this section shall apply to counties, and the
32 cities within those counties, that were greater than one hundred fifty
33 thousand in population in 1995 as determined by office of financial
34 management population estimates and that are located west of the crest
35 of the Cascade mountain range. Any other county planning under RCW
36 36.70A.040 may carry out the review, evaluation, and amendment programs

1 and procedures as provided in this section.

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