
SENATE BILL 5621

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1 AN ACT Relating to hearing examiner fees; and amending RCW
2 58.17.330.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 58.17.330 and 1995 c 347 s 429 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) As an alternative to those provisions of this chapter requiring
7 a planning commission to hear and issue recommendations for plat
8 approval, the county or city legislative body may adopt a hearing
9 examiner system and shall specify by ordinance the legal effect of the
10 decisions made by the examiner. The legal effect of such decisions
11 shall include one of the following:

12 (a) The decision may be given the effect of a recommendation to the
13 legislative body;

14 (b) The decision may be given the effect of an administrative
15 decision appealable within a specified time limit to the legislative
16 body; or

17 (c) The decision may be given the effect of a final decision of the
18 legislative body.

1 The legislative authority shall prescribe procedures to be followed
2 by a hearing examiner.

3 (2) Each final decision of a hearing examiner shall be in writing
4 and shall include findings and conclusions, based on the record, to
5 support the decision. Each final decision of a hearing examiner,
6 unless a longer period is mutually agreed to by the applicant and the
7 hearing examiner, shall be rendered within ten working days following
8 conclusion of all testimony and hearings.

9 (3) Hearing examiner fees may not exceed the cost of filing for
10 judicial review of an agency action in superior court as described in
11 RCW 36.18.020.

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