
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5968

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By Senate Agriculture & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Brandland, Hatfield, Morton, and Roach)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the protection of agricultural lands; and
2 amending RCW 36.70A.103.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.70A.103 and 2002 c 68 s 15 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 State agencies shall comply with the local comprehensive plans and
7 development regulations and amendments thereto adopted pursuant to this
8 chapter except as otherwise provided in RCW 71.09.250 (1) through (3),
9 71.09.342, and 72.09.333. Except for the acquisition of land for
10 highway rights-of-way, no state agency may acquire in fee simple or
11 provide funds to other entities to acquire in fee simple agricultural
12 lands, designated by a county under this chapter as agricultural lands
13 of long-term commercial significance, for conversion to nonagricultural
14 activities without prior written approval by the county legislative
15 authority. The county legislative authority may require the state
16 agency or other entity receiving funds from a state agency to acquire
17 property, to submit information including, but not limited to, the
18 property's legal description, the proposed use of the property to be

1 acquired, and an analysis of the impact on adjacent lands and the
2 continued viability of the region's agricultural industry.

3 The provisions of chapter 12, Laws of 2001 2nd sp. sess. do not
4 affect the state's authority to site any other essential public
5 facility under RCW 36.70A.200 in conformance with local comprehensive
6 plans and development regulations adopted pursuant to chapter 36.70A
7 RCW.

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