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By Senators Kilmer, Rockefeller, Marr, Carrell, and King

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1 AN ACT Relating to community empowerment zone applications and
2 requirements; and amending RCW 43.31C.020.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.31C.020 and 2000 c 212 s 3 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The department, in cooperation with the department of revenue,
7 the employment security department, and the office of financial
8 management, may approve applications submitted by local governments for
9 an area's designation as a community empowerment zone under this
10 chapter. The application for designation shall be in the form and
11 manner and contain such information as the department may prescribe,
12 provided that the application shall:

13 (a) Contain information sufficient for the director to determine if
14 the criteria established in RCW 43.31C.030 have been met;

15 (b) Be submitted on behalf of the local government by its chief
16 elected official, or, if none, by the governing body of the local
17 government;

18 (c) Contain a five-year community empowerment plan that meets the
19 requirements of RCW 43.31C.040; and

1 (d) Certify that area residents were given the opportunity to
2 participate in the development of the five-year community empowerment
3 strategy required under RCW 43.31C.040.

4 (2) No local government shall submit more than two areas to the
5 department for possible designation as a community empowerment zone
6 under this chapter.

7 (3)(a) The director may designate up to six community empowerment
8 zones, statewide, from among the applications submitted for designation
9 as a community empowerment zone.

10 (b) The director shall make determinations of designated community
11 empowerment zones on the basis of the following factors:

12 (i) The strength and quality of the local government commitments to
13 meet the needs identified in the five-year community empowerment plan
14 required under RCW 43.31C.040.

15 (ii) The level of private sector commitment of additional resources
16 and contribution to the community empowerment zone.

17 (iii) The potential for revitalization of the area as a result of
18 designation as a community empowerment zone.

19 (iv) Other factors the director deems necessary.

20 (c) The determination of the director as to the areas designated as
21 community empowerment zones shall be final.

22 (4) Except as provided in RCW 43.31C.050, an area that was
23 designated a community empowerment zone before January 1, 1996, under
24 this section, automatically and without additional action by the local
25 government continues its designation under this chapter.

26 (5) The department may not designate additional community
27 empowerment zones after January 1, 2004, but may amend or rescind
28 designation of community empowerment zones in accordance with RCW
29 43.31C.050.

30 (6) The department may designate additional community empowerment
31 zones after January 1, 2010, if (a) a county that already contains a
32 designated community empowerment zone makes the application; and (b)
33 the area the county seeks to have designated meets the criteria
34 established in RCW 43.31C.030 except such area need not meet the
35 requirements in both RCW 43.31C.030(1) (b) and (c) but must meet at
36 least one of the requirements.

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