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CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 2671** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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By Representatives Takko and Fitzgibbon; by request of Department of Ecology

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AN ACT Relating to clarifying procedures for appealing department of ecology final action on a local shoreline master program by ensuring consistency with existing procedural provisions of the growth management act, chapter 36.70A RCW, the administrative procedure act, chapter 34.05 RCW, and the state environmental policy act, chapter 43.21C RCW; and amending RCW 90.58.190.

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

8 **Sec. 1.** RCW 90.58.190 and 2011 c 277 s 5 are each amended to read 9 as follows:

10 (1) The appeal of the department's decision to adopt a master 11 program or amendment pursuant to RCW 90.58.070(2) or 90.58.090(5) is 12 governed by RCW 34.05.510 through 34.05.598.

13 (2)(a) The department's final decision to approve or reject a 14 proposed master program or master program amendment by a local 15 government planning under RCW 36.70A.040 shall be appealed to the 16 growth management hearings board by filing a petition as provided in 17 RCW 36.70A.290.

(b) If the appeal to the growth management hearings board concernsshorelines, the growth management hearings board shall review the

1 proposed master program or amendment solely for compliance with the 2 requirements of this chapter, the policy of RCW 90.58.020 and the 3 applicable guidelines, the internal consistency provisions of RCW 4 36.70A.070, 36.70A.040(4), 35.63.125, and 35A.63.105, and chapter 5 43.21C RCW as it relates to the adoption of master programs and 6 amendments under chapter 90.58 RCW.

7 (c) If the appeal to the growth management hearings board concerns 8 a shoreline of statewide significance, the board shall uphold the 9 decision by the department unless the board, by clear and convincing 10 evidence, determines that the decision of the department is 11 ((inconsistent)) noncompliant with the policy of RCW 90.58.020 ((and)) 12 or the applicable guidelines, or chapter 43.21C RCW as it relates to 13 the adoption of master programs and amendments under this chapter.

(d) The appellant has the burden of proof in all appeals to thegrowth management hearings board under this subsection.

16 (e) Any party aggrieved by a final decision of the growth 17 management hearings board under this subsection may appeal the decision 18 to superior court as provided in RCW 36.70A.300.

19 (3)(a) The department's final decision to approve or reject a 20 proposed master program or master program amendment by a local 21 government not planning under RCW 36.70A.040 shall be appealed to the 22 shorelines hearings board by filing a petition within thirty days of 23 the date that the department publishes notice of its final decision 24 under RCW 90.58.090(8).

(b) In an appeal relating to shorelines, the shorelines hearings 25 26 board shall review the proposed master program or master program 27 amendment and, after full consideration of the presentations of the ((local government and the department)) parties, shall determine the 28 29 validity of the local government's master program or amendment in light 30 of the policy of RCW 90.58.020 and the applicable guidelines, and chapter 43.21C RCW as it relates to the adoption of master programs and 31 amendments under this chapter. 32

(c) In an appeal relating to shorelines of statewide significance, the shorelines hearings board shall uphold the decision by the department unless the board determines, by clear and convincing evidence that the decision of the department is ((inconsistent)) noncompliant with the policy of RCW 90.58.020 ((and)) or the applicable

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guidelines, or chapter 43.21C RCW as it relates to the adoption of
master programs and amendments under this chapter.

3 (d) Review by the shorelines hearings board shall be considered an 4 adjudicative proceeding under chapter 34.05 RCW, the administrative 5 procedure act. The ((aggrieved local government)) appellant shall have 6 the burden of proof in all such reviews.

7 (e) Whenever possible, the review by the shorelines hearings board 8 shall be heard within the county where the land subject to the proposed 9 master program or master program amendment is primarily located. The 10 department and any ((local government)) <u>party</u> aggrieved by a final 11 decision of the hearings board may appeal the decision to superior 12 court as provided in chapter 34.05 RCW.

13 (4) A master program amendment shall become effective after the approval of the department or after the decision of the growth 14 15 management hearings board or shorelines hearings board to uphold the master program or master program amendment, provided that either the 16 17 growth management hearings board or the shorelines hearings board may 18 remand the master program or master program ((adjustment)) amendment to 19 the local government or the department for modification prior to the 20 final adoption of the master program or master program amendment.

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