

SHB 1401 - H AMD 126

By Representative Kretz

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1 On page 1, after line 4, insert the following:

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3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 36.70A  
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) The requirements of this chapter for counties and cities,  
6 including penalty provisions, are suspended and have no applicability  
7 if the average rate of total unemployment in the county, seasonally  
8 adjusted, as determined by the Washington state employment security  
9 department, exceeds seven percent for three consecutive months. A  
10 suspension under this section:

11 (a) Is effective for five years, or until the average rate of  
12 total unemployment in the county, seasonally adjusted, as determined  
13 by the Washington state employment security department, is equal to or  
14 less than seven percent for three consecutive months, whichever is  
15 later; and

16 (b) Takes effect immediately upon the public release of the  
17 applicable unemployment data by the Washington state employment  
18 security department.

19 (2) Comprehensive land use plans and development regulations  
20 adopted in accordance with the requirements of this chapter are  
21 suspended and have no applicability in counties and cities in which  
22 the requirements of this chapter are suspended.

23 (3) State agencies may take no action to enforce the requirements  
24 of this chapter in counties and cities in which the requirements of  
25 this chapter are suspended.

26 (4) State agencies may not determine a county or city in which the  
27 requirements of this chapter are suspended to be ineligible or

1 otherwise penalized in the acceptance of applications or the awarding  
2 of state agency grants or loans during the period of the suspension."

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4       Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any  
5 internal references accordingly.

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7       Correct the title.

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EFFECT: (1) Adds provisions suspending the Growth Management Act (GMA), including penalty provisions, for five or more years in counties, and the cities within, that meet specified unemployment criteria. (2) Specifies that comprehensive plans and development regulations adopted in accordance with the GMA are suspended and have no applicability in counties and cities in which the requirements of the GMA are suspended. (3) Prohibits state agencies from taking actions to enforce the requirements of the GMA in counties and cities in which the requirements of the GMA are suspended. (4) Specifies that state agencies may not determine a county or city in which the requirements of the GMA are suspended to be ineligible or otherwise penalized in the acceptance of applications or the awarding of state agency grants or loans during the period of the suspension.

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