
SENATE BILL 5820

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By Senators Benton and Brown

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1 AN ACT Relating to providing for a suspension of the growth
2 management act during certain periods of high unemployment within a
3 county; and adding a new section to chapter 36.70A RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 36.70A RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) If the average rate of total unemployment in a county,
8 seasonally adjusted, as determined by the Washington state employment
9 security department, exceeds seven percent for three consecutive
10 months, the requirements of this chapter for such counties and cities
11 within such counties are suspended and have no applicability. A
12 suspension under this section:

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

18 (b) Takes effect immediately upon the public release of the

1 applicable unemployment data by the Washington state employment
2 security department.

3 (2) Comprehensive land use plans and development regulations
4 adopted in accordance with the requirements of this chapter are
5 suspended and have no applicability in counties and cities in which the
6 requirements of this chapter are suspended.

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

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