
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2945

State of Washington

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By House Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Appleton and Moscoso)

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a legislative task force to
2 review the growth management act; creating a new section; and
3 providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that in the more
6 than twenty-five years since its original enactment, the growth
7 management act has significantly changed the processes and results of
8 planning decisions and land use practices in Washington. Between 1990
9 and 2015, the population of Washington significantly increased from
10 four million eight hundred seventy thousand to over seven million. In
11 2012, the office of financial management estimated that the state
12 will nearly double its population, reaching eight million eight
13 hundred thousand residents by 2040. It is the intent of the
14 legislature to review the growth management act to identify areas of
15 the law that may benefit from modification to better ensure that
16 Washington's land use practices align with the needs of current and
17 future residents.

18 (2) A legislative task force on the growth management act is
19 established, with members as provided in this subsection. All member
20 appointments or selections must be made by July 1, 2016.

1 (a) The majority and minority leaders of the senate shall appoint
2 two members from each of the relevant caucuses of the senate.

3 (b) The majority and minority leaders of the house of
4 representatives shall appoint two members from each of the relevant
5 caucuses of the house of representatives.

6 (c) The governor shall appoint:

7 (i) One member who represents the department of commerce;

8 (ii) One member who represents the Washington state department of
9 transportation;

10 (iii) One member who represents environmental concerns;

11 (iv) One member who represents the building industry;

12 (v) One member who represents property owners;

13 (vi) One member who represents buyers and sellers of real
14 property;

15 (vii) Two members who represent rural economic interests, with
16 one member residing east of the crest of the Cascade mountain range
17 and the other residing west of the crest of the Cascade mountain
18 range; and

19 (viii) Two members who represent urban economic interests, with
20 one member residing east of the crest of the Cascade mountain range
21 and the other residing west of the crest of the Cascade mountain
22 range.

23 (d) An association representing Washington cities shall appoint
24 two members who are elected members of the legislative bodies of
25 cities or towns or mayors of cities or towns, with one member
26 residing east of the crest of the Cascade mountain range and the
27 other residing west of the crest of the Cascade mountain range.

28 (e) An association representing Washington counties shall appoint
29 two members who are elected members of a county legislative body or
30 elected executives of a county, with one member residing east of the
31 crest of the Cascade mountain range and the other residing west of
32 the crest of the Cascade mountain range.

33 (f) An association representing Washington state school directors
34 shall appoint one member who represents Washington state school
35 directors.

36 (g) An association representing Washington state county and
37 regional planning directors shall appoint one member who represents
38 county and regional planning directors.

1 (3) The chair of the house of representatives local government
2 committee shall be the chair of the task force. The chair shall
3 convene at least three meetings of the task force.

4 (4) The task force shall review the growth management act and
5 provide recommendations, if any, for modifications of the act that
6 will help ensure that Washington's land use practices align with the
7 needs of current and future residents of the state. In conducting its
8 review, the task force may consider issues including land management,
9 school siting, short line railroads, economic development, fiscal
10 impacts of the growth management act on local government revenue and
11 infrastructure expenses, and other issues identified by the task
12 force.

13 (5) Staff support for the task force must be provided by the
14 senate committee services and the house of representatives office of
15 program research.

16 (6) Legislative members of the task force are reimbursed for
17 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative
18 members are not entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses if they
19 are elected officials or are participating on behalf of an employer,
20 governmental entity, or other organization. Any reimbursement for
21 other nonlegislative members is subject to chapter 43.03 RCW.

22 (7) The expenses of the task force must be paid jointly by the
23 senate and the house of representatives. Task force expenditures are
24 subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations committee
25 and the house of representatives executive rules committee, or their
26 successor committees.

27 (8) By November 1, 2016, the task force must submit to the
28 appropriate committees of the legislature, in accordance with RCW
29 43.01.036, a summary of the task force's discussions and
30 recommendations, if any.

31 (9) This section expires January 1, 2017.

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