
Environment & Energy Committee

HB 1312

Brief Description: Amending the schedule for updates to the comprehensive plan of Kitsap county that are required under the growth management act to match the update schedules of other central Puget Sound counties.

Sponsors: Representatives Appleton, Griffey and Springer.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires all counties to review and revise their comprehensive plan and development regulations every 10 years, rather than every eight years.
- Requires Kitsap County to review and revise its comprehensive plan no later than June 30, 2015, rather than June 30, 2016.

Hearing Date: 2/11/19

Staff: Nikkole Hughes (786-7156).

Background:

Growth Management Act—Introduction.

The Growth Management Act (GMA) is the comprehensive land use planning framework for counties and cities in Washington. The GMA establishes land use designation and environmental protection requirements for all Washington counties and cities. The GMA also establishes a significantly wider array of planning duties for 29 counties, and the cities within those counties, that are obligated to satisfy all planning requirements of the GMA.

Growth Management Act—Comprehensive Plans.

The GMA directs jurisdictions that fully plan under the GMA (planning jurisdictions) to adopt internally consistent comprehensive land use plans that are generalized, coordinated land use policy statements of the governing body. Comprehensive plans are implemented through locally-adopted development regulations, both of which are subject to review and revision requirements prescribed in the GMA.

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Growth Management Act—Comprehensive Plan Updates.

Counties and cities are required to review and, if needed, revise their comprehensive plans and development regulations every eight years. Counties, and the cities within them, are grouped into four different year-classes for purposes of when the obligation to review and revise their comprehensive plans commences. King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties are required to review and revise their comprehensive plans no later than June 30, 2015, and every eight years thereafter. Ten other counties—Clallam, Clark, Island, Jefferson, Kitsap, Mason, San Juan, Skagit, Thurston, and Whatcom—are required to review and revise their comprehensive plans no later than June 30, 2016, and every eight years thereafter. The remaining counties are divided into the 2017 and 2018 year-classes for comprehensive plan review and revision.

Summary of Bill:

All counties must review and revise their comprehensive plan and development regulations every 10 years, rather than every eight years. Kitsap County must review and revise its comprehensive plan no later than June 30, 2015, rather than June 30, 2016.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.