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1 AN ACT Relating to amending the schedule for updates to the
2 comprehensive plan of Kitsap county that are required under the
3 growth management act to match the update schedules of other central
4 Puget Sound counties; and amending RCW 36.70A.130.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.70A.130 and 2012 c 191 s 1 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (1)(a) Each comprehensive land use plan and development
9 regulations shall be subject to continuing review and evaluation by
10 the county or city that adopted them. Except as otherwise provided, a
11 county or city shall take legislative action to review and, if
12 needed, revise its comprehensive land use plan and development
13 regulations to ensure the plan and regulations comply with the
14 requirements of this chapter according to the deadlines in
15 subsections (4) and (5) of this section.

16 (b) Except as otherwise provided, a county or city not planning
17 under RCW 36.70A.040 shall take action to review and, if needed,
18 revise its policies and development regulations regarding critical
19 areas and natural resource lands adopted according to this chapter to
20 ensure these policies and regulations comply with the requirements of
21 this chapter according to the deadlines in subsections (4) and (5) of

1 this section. Legislative action means the adoption of a resolution
2 or ordinance following notice and a public hearing indicating at a
3 minimum, a finding that a review and evaluation has occurred and
4 identifying the revisions made, or that a revision was not needed and
5 the reasons therefor.

6 (c) The review and evaluation required by this subsection shall
7 include, but is not limited to, consideration of critical area
8 ordinances and, if planning under RCW 36.70A.040, an analysis of the
9 population allocated to a city or county from the most recent ten-
10 year population forecast by the office of financial management.

11 (d) Any amendment of or revision to a comprehensive land use plan
12 shall conform to this chapter. Any amendment of or revision to
13 development regulations shall be consistent with and implement the
14 comprehensive plan.

15 (2)(a) Each county and city shall establish and broadly
16 disseminate to the public a public participation program consistent
17 with RCW 36.70A.035 and 36.70A.140 that identifies procedures and
18 schedules whereby updates, proposed amendments, or revisions of the
19 comprehensive plan are considered by the governing body of the county
20 or city no more frequently than once every year, except that, until
21 December 31, 2015, the program shall provide for consideration of
22 amendments of an urban growth area in accordance with RCW 36.70A.1301
23 once every year. "Updates" means to review and revise, if needed,
24 according to subsection (1) of this section, and the deadlines in
25 subsections (4) and (5) of this section or in accordance with the
26 provisions of subsection (6) of this section. Amendments may be
27 considered more frequently than once per year under the following
28 circumstances:

29 (i) The initial adoption of a subarea plan. Subarea plans adopted
30 under this subsection (2)(a)(i) must clarify, supplement, or
31 implement jurisdiction-wide comprehensive plan policies, and may only
32 be adopted if the cumulative impacts of the proposed plan are
33 addressed by appropriate environmental review under chapter 43.21C
34 RCW;

35 (ii) The development of an initial subarea plan for economic
36 development located outside of the one hundred year floodplain in a
37 county that has completed a state-funded pilot project that is based
38 on watershed characterization and local habitat assessment;

39 (iii) The adoption or amendment of a shoreline master program
40 under the procedures set forth in chapter 90.58 RCW;

1 (iv) The amendment of the capital facilities element of a
2 comprehensive plan that occurs concurrently with the adoption or
3 amendment of a county or city budget; or

4 (v) The adoption of comprehensive plan amendments necessary to
5 enact a planned action under RCW (~~(43.21C.031(2))~~) 43.21C.440,
6 provided that amendments are considered in accordance with the public
7 participation program established by the county or city under this
8 subsection (2)(a) and all persons who have requested notice of a
9 comprehensive plan update are given notice of the amendments and an
10 opportunity to comment.

11 (b) Except as otherwise provided in (a) of this subsection, all
12 proposals shall be considered by the governing body concurrently so
13 the cumulative effect of the various proposals can be ascertained.
14 However, after appropriate public participation a county or city may
15 adopt amendments or revisions to its comprehensive plan that conform
16 with this chapter whenever an emergency exists or to resolve an
17 appeal of a comprehensive plan filed with the growth management
18 hearings board or with the court.

19 (3)(a) Each county that designates urban growth areas under RCW
20 36.70A.110 shall review, according to the schedules established in
21 subsection (5) of this section, its designated urban growth area or
22 areas, and the densities permitted within both the incorporated and
23 unincorporated portions of each urban growth area. In conjunction
24 with this review by the county, each city located within an urban
25 growth area shall review the densities permitted within its
26 boundaries, and the extent to which the urban growth occurring within
27 the county has located within each city and the unincorporated
28 portions of the urban growth areas.

29 (b) The county comprehensive plan designating urban growth areas,
30 and the densities permitted in the urban growth areas by the
31 comprehensive plans of the county and each city located within the
32 urban growth areas, shall be revised to accommodate the urban growth
33 projected to occur in the county for the succeeding twenty-year
34 period. The review required by this subsection may be combined with
35 the review and evaluation required by RCW 36.70A.215.

36 (4) Except as provided in subsection (6) of this section,
37 counties and cities shall take action to review and, if needed,
38 revise their comprehensive plans and development regulations to
39 ensure the plan and regulations comply with the requirements of this
40 chapter as follows:

1 (a) On or before December 1, 2004, for Clallam, Clark, Jefferson,
2 King, Kitsap, Pierce, Snohomish, Thurston, and Whatcom counties and
3 the cities within those counties;

4 (b) On or before December 1, 2005, for Cowlitz, Island, Lewis,
5 Mason, San Juan, Skagit, and Skamania counties and the cities within
6 those counties;

7 (c) On or before December 1, 2006, for Benton, Chelan, Douglas,
8 Grant, Kittitas, Spokane, and Yakima counties and the cities within
9 those counties; and

10 (d) On or before December 1, 2007, for Adams, Asotin, Columbia,
11 Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grays Harbor, Klickitat, Lincoln,
12 Okanogan, Pacific, Pend Oreille, Stevens, Wahkiakum, Walla Walla, and
13 Whitman counties and the cities within those counties.

14 (5) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (6) and (8) of
15 this section, following the review of comprehensive plans and
16 development regulations required by subsection (4) of this section,
17 counties and cities shall take action to review and, if needed,
18 revise their comprehensive plans and development regulations to
19 ensure the plan and regulations comply with the requirements of this
20 chapter as follows:

21 (a) On or before June 30, 2015, and every (~~eight~~) ten years
22 thereafter, for King, Kitsap, Pierce, and Snohomish counties and the
23 cities within those counties;

24 (b) On or before June 30, 2016, and every (~~eight~~) ten years
25 thereafter, for Clallam, Clark, Island, Jefferson, (~~Kitsap~~) Mason,
26 San Juan, Skagit, Thurston, and Whatcom counties and the cities
27 within those counties;

28 (c) On or before June 30, 2017, and every (~~eight~~) ten years
29 thereafter, for Benton, Chelan, Cowlitz, Douglas, Kittitas, Lewis,
30 Skamania, Spokane, and Yakima counties and the cities within those
31 counties; and

32 (d) On or before June 30, 2018, and every (~~eight~~) ten years
33 thereafter, for Adams, Asotin, Columbia, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield,
34 Grant, Grays Harbor, Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pacific, Pend
35 Oreille, Stevens, Wahkiakum, Walla Walla, and Whitman counties and
36 the cities within those counties.

37 (6)(a) Nothing in this section precludes a county or city from
38 conducting the review and evaluation required by this section before
39 the deadlines established in subsections (4) and (5) of this section.
40 Counties and cities may begin this process early and may be eligible

1 for grants from the department, subject to available funding, if they
2 elect to do so.

3 (b) A county that is subject to a deadline established in
4 subsection (4)(b) through (d) of this section and meets the following
5 criteria may comply with the requirements of this section at any time
6 within the thirty-six months following the deadline established in
7 subsection (4) of this section: The county has a population of less
8 than fifty thousand and has had its population increase by no more
9 than seventeen percent in the ten years preceding the deadline
10 established in subsection (4) of this section as of that date.

11 (c) A city that is subject to a deadline established in
12 subsection (4)(b) through (d) of this section and meets the following
13 criteria may comply with the requirements of this section at any time
14 within the thirty-six months following the deadline established in
15 subsection (4) of this section: The city has a population of no more
16 than five thousand and has had its population increase by the greater
17 of either no more than one hundred persons or no more than seventeen
18 percent in the ten years preceding the deadline established in
19 subsection (4) of this section as of that date.

20 (d) A county or city that is subject to a deadline established in
21 subsection (4)(d) of this section and that meets the criteria
22 established in (b) or (c) of this subsection may comply with the
23 requirements of subsection (4)(d) of this section at any time within
24 the thirty-six months after the extension provided in (b) or (c) of
25 this subsection.

26 (e) A county that is subject to a deadline established in
27 subsection (5)(b) through (d) of this section and meets the following
28 criteria may comply with the requirements of this section at any time
29 within the twenty-four months following the deadline established in
30 subsection (5) of this section: The county has a population of less
31 than fifty thousand and has had its population increase by no more
32 than seventeen percent in the ten years preceding the deadline
33 established in subsection (5) of this section as of that date.

34 (f) A city that is subject to a deadline established in
35 subsection (5)(b) through (d) of this section and meets the following
36 criteria may comply with the requirements of this section at any time
37 within the twenty-four months following the deadline established in
38 subsection (5) of this section: The city has a population of no more
39 than five thousand and has had its population increase by the greater
40 of either no more than one hundred persons or no more than seventeen

1 percent in the ten years preceding the deadline established in
2 subsection (5) of this section as of that date.

3 (g) State agencies are encouraged to provide technical assistance
4 to the counties and cities in the review of critical area ordinances,
5 comprehensive plans, and development regulations.

6 (7) (a) The requirements imposed on counties and cities under this
7 section shall be considered "requirements of this chapter" under the
8 terms of RCW 36.70A.040(1). Only those counties and cities that meet
9 the following criteria may receive grants, loans, pledges, or
10 financial guarantees under chapter 43.155 or 70.146 RCW:

11 (i) Complying with the deadlines in this section;

12 (ii) Demonstrating substantial progress towards compliance with
13 the schedules in this section for development regulations that
14 protect critical areas; or

15 (iii) Complying with the extension provisions of subsection
16 (6) (b), (c), or (d) of this section.

17 (b) A county or city that is fewer than twelve months out of
18 compliance with the schedules in this section for development
19 regulations that protect critical areas is making substantial
20 progress towards compliance. Only those counties and cities in
21 compliance with the schedules in this section may receive preference
22 for grants or loans subject to the provisions of RCW 43.17.250.

23 (8) (a) Except as otherwise provided in (c) of this subsection, if
24 a participating watershed is achieving benchmarks and goals for the
25 protection of critical areas functions and values, the county is not
26 required to update development regulations to protect critical areas
27 as they specifically apply to agricultural activities in that
28 watershed.

29 (b) A county that has made the election under RCW 36.70A.710(1)
30 may only adopt or amend development regulations to protect critical
31 areas as they specifically apply to agricultural activities in a
32 participating watershed if:

33 (i) A work plan has been approved for that watershed in
34 accordance with RCW 36.70A.725;

35 (ii) The local watershed group for that watershed has requested
36 the county to adopt or amend development regulations as part of a
37 work plan developed under RCW 36.70A.720;

38 (iii) The adoption or amendment of the development regulations is
39 necessary to enable the county to respond to an order of the growth
40 management hearings board or court;

1 (iv) The adoption or amendment of development regulations is
2 necessary to address a threat to human health or safety; or
3 (v) Three or more years have elapsed since the receipt of
4 funding.
5 (c) Beginning ten years from the date of receipt of funding, a
6 county that has made the election under RCW 36.70A.710(1) must review
7 and, if necessary, revise development regulations to protect critical
8 areas as they specifically apply to agricultural activities in a
9 participating watershed in accordance with the review and revision
10 requirements and timeline in subsection (5) of this section. This
11 subsection (8)(c) does not apply to a participating watershed that
12 has determined under RCW 36.70A.720(2)(c)(ii) that the watershed's
13 goals and benchmarks for protection have been met.

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