

HB 1233 - DIGEST

Requires counties and cities, in designating and protecting critical areas under the growth management act, to consider available science in developing policies and development regulations to protect the functions and values of critical areas.

Specifies that expert opinion on a topic indicating local authorities did not adopt policies consistent with scientific information in the record, or presented later before the growth management hearings board, are not grounds for finding noncompliance with the growth management act.