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By House Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Goehner, Eslick, Robertson, Graham, Dufault, Jacobsen, and Griffey)

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1 AN ACT Relating to making it possible for more properties to have
2 access to water, storm drains, and sanitary sewage systems; amending
3 RCW 36.70A.070, 36.70A.110, 36.70A.320, 36.93.100, and 36.93.105; and
4 creating a new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that there needs to
7 be increased flexibility in extending publicly provided water, sewer,
8 and stormwater facilities beyond municipal and urban growth
9 boundaries when there are environmental or health harms from the lack
10 of those utilities, extension will not foster urban growth, and the
11 affected communities and governmental bodies determine it is
12 economically feasible and prudent.

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 36.70A.070 and 2021 c 254 s 2 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 The comprehensive plan of a county or city that is required or
16 chooses to plan under RCW 36.70A.040 shall consist of a map or maps,
17 and descriptive text covering objectives, principles, and standards
18 used to develop the comprehensive plan. The plan shall be an
19 internally consistent document and all elements shall be consistent
20 with the future land use map. A comprehensive plan shall be adopted

1 and amended with public participation as provided in RCW 36.70A.140.
2 Each comprehensive plan shall include a plan, scheme, or design for
3 each of the following:

4 (1) A land use element designating the proposed general
5 distribution and general location and extent of the uses of land,
6 where appropriate, for agriculture, timber production, housing,
7 commerce, industry, recreation, open spaces, general aviation
8 airports, public utilities, public facilities, and other land uses.
9 The land use element shall include population densities, building
10 intensities, and estimates of future population growth. The land use
11 element shall provide for protection of the quality and quantity of
12 groundwater used for public water supplies. Wherever possible, the
13 land use element should consider utilizing urban planning approaches
14 that promote physical activity. Where applicable, the land use
15 element shall review drainage, flooding, and stormwater runoff in the
16 area and nearby jurisdictions and provide guidance for corrective
17 actions to mitigate or cleanse those discharges that pollute waters
18 of the state, including Puget Sound or waters entering Puget Sound.

19 (2) A housing element ensuring the vitality and character of
20 established residential neighborhoods that:

21 (a) Includes an inventory and analysis of existing and projected
22 housing needs that identifies the number of housing units necessary
23 to manage projected growth, as provided by the department of
24 commerce, including:

25 (i) Units for moderate, low, very low, and extremely low-income
26 households; and

27 (ii) Emergency housing, emergency shelters, and permanent
28 supportive housing;

29 (b) Includes a statement of goals, policies, objectives, and
30 mandatory provisions for the preservation, improvement, and
31 development of housing, including single-family residences, and
32 within an urban growth area boundary, moderate density housing
33 options including ~~((+,+))~~, but not limited to, duplexes, triplexes,
34 and townhomes;

35 (c) Identifies sufficient capacity of land for housing including,
36 but not limited to, government-assisted housing, housing for
37 moderate, low, very low, and extremely low-income households,
38 manufactured housing, multifamily housing, group homes, foster care
39 facilities, emergency housing, emergency shelters, permanent

1 supportive housing, and within an urban growth area boundary,
2 consideration of duplexes, triplexes, and townhomes;

3 (d) Makes adequate provisions for existing and projected needs of
4 all economic segments of the community, including:

5 (i) Incorporating consideration for low, very low, extremely low,
6 and moderate-income households;

7 (ii) Documenting programs and actions needed to achieve housing
8 availability including gaps in local funding, barriers such as
9 development regulations, and other limitations;

10 (iii) Consideration of housing locations in relation to
11 employment location; and

12 (iv) Consideration of the role of accessory dwelling units in
13 meeting housing needs;

14 (e) Identifies local policies and regulations that result in
15 racially disparate impacts, displacement, and exclusion in housing,
16 including:

17 (i) Zoning that may have a discriminatory effect;

18 (ii) Disinvestment; and

19 (iii) Infrastructure availability;

20 (f) Identifies and implements policies and regulations to address
21 and begin to undo racially disparate impacts, displacement, and
22 exclusion in housing caused by local policies, plans, and actions;

23 (g) Identifies areas that may be at higher risk of displacement
24 from market forces that occur with changes to zoning development
25 regulations and capital investments; and

26 (h) Establishes antidisplacement policies, with consideration
27 given to the preservation of historical and cultural communities as
28 well as investments in low, very low, extremely low, and moderate-
29 income housing; equitable development initiatives; inclusionary
30 zoning; community planning requirements; tenant protections; land
31 disposition policies; and consideration of land that may be used for
32 affordable housing.

33 In counties and cities subject to the review and evaluation
34 requirements of RCW 36.70A.215, any revision to the housing element
35 shall include consideration of prior review and evaluation reports
36 and any reasonable measures identified. The housing element should
37 link jurisdictional goals with overall county goals to ensure that
38 the housing element goals are met.

39 (3) A capital facilities plan element consisting of: (a) An
40 inventory of existing capital facilities owned by public entities,

1 showing the locations and capacities of the capital facilities; (b) a
2 forecast of the future needs for such capital facilities; (c) the
3 proposed locations and capacities of expanded or new capital
4 facilities; (d) at least a six-year plan that will finance such
5 capital facilities within projected funding capacities and clearly
6 identifies sources of public money for such purposes; and (e) a
7 requirement to reassess the land use element if probable funding
8 falls short of meeting existing needs and to ensure that the land use
9 element, capital facilities plan element, and financing plan within
10 the capital facilities plan element are coordinated and consistent.
11 Park and recreation facilities shall be included in the capital
12 facilities plan element.

13 (4) A utilities element consisting of the general location,
14 proposed location, and capacity of all existing and proposed
15 utilities, including, but not limited to, electrical lines,
16 telecommunication lines, and natural gas lines.

17 (5) Rural element. Counties shall include a rural element
18 including lands that are not designated for urban growth,
19 agriculture, forest, or mineral resources. The following provisions
20 shall apply to the rural element:

21 (a) Growth management act goals and local circumstances. Because
22 circumstances vary from county to county, in establishing patterns of
23 rural densities and uses, a county may consider local circumstances,
24 but shall develop a written record explaining how the rural element
25 harmonizes the planning goals in RCW 36.70A.020 and meets the
26 requirements of this chapter.

27 (b) Rural development. The rural element shall permit rural
28 development, forestry, and agriculture in rural areas. The rural
29 element shall provide for a variety of rural densities, uses,
30 essential public facilities, and rural governmental services needed
31 to serve the permitted densities and uses. To achieve a variety of
32 rural densities and uses, counties may provide for clustering,
33 density transfer, design guidelines, conservation easements, and
34 other innovative techniques that will accommodate appropriate rural
35 economic advancement, densities, and uses that are not characterized
36 by urban growth and that are consistent with rural character.

37 (c) Measures governing rural development. The rural element shall
38 include measures that apply to rural development and protect the
39 rural character of the area, as established by the county, by:

40 (i) Containing or otherwise controlling rural development;

1 (ii) Assuring visual compatibility of rural development with the
2 surrounding rural area;

3 (iii) Reducing the inappropriate conversion of undeveloped land
4 into sprawling, low-density development in the rural area;

5 (iv) Protecting critical areas, as provided in RCW 36.70A.060,
6 and surface water and groundwater resources; and

7 (v) Protecting against conflicts with the use of agricultural,
8 forest, and mineral resource lands designated under RCW 36.70A.170.

9 (d) Limited areas of more intensive rural development. Subject to
10 the requirements of this subsection and except as otherwise
11 specifically provided in this subsection (5)(d), the rural element
12 may allow for limited areas of more intensive rural development,
13 including necessary public facilities and public services to serve
14 the limited area as follows:

15 (i) Rural development consisting of the infill, development, or
16 redevelopment of existing commercial, industrial, residential, or
17 mixed-use areas, whether characterized as shoreline development,
18 villages, hamlets, rural activity centers, or crossroads
19 developments.

20 (A) A commercial, industrial, residential, shoreline, or mixed-
21 use area are subject to the requirements of (d)(iv) of this
22 subsection, but are not subject to the requirements of (c)(ii) and
23 (iii) of this subsection.

24 (B) Any development or redevelopment other than an industrial
25 area or an industrial use within a mixed-use area or an industrial
26 area under this subsection (5)(d)(i) must be principally designed to
27 serve the existing and projected rural population.

28 (C) Any development or redevelopment in terms of building size,
29 scale, use, or intensity shall be consistent with the character of
30 the existing areas while meeting needs of the people in those
31 communities, including access to domestic water, storm, and sanitary
32 sewer systems that are feasible and affordable for the location.

33 Development and redevelopment may include changes in use from vacant
34 land or a previously existing use so long as the new use conforms to
35 the requirements of this subsection (5);

36 (ii) The intensification of development on lots containing, or
37 new development of, small-scale recreational or tourist uses,
38 including commercial facilities to serve those recreational or
39 tourist uses, that rely on a rural location and setting, but that do
40 not include new residential development. A small-scale recreation or

1 tourist use is not required to be principally designed to serve the
2 existing and projected rural population. Public services and public
3 facilities shall be limited to those necessary to serve the
4 recreation or tourist use and shall be provided in a manner that does
5 not permit low-density sprawl;

6 (iii) The intensification of development on lots containing
7 isolated nonresidential uses or new development of isolated cottage
8 industries and isolated small-scale businesses that are not
9 principally designed to serve the existing and projected rural
10 population and nonresidential uses, but do provide job opportunities
11 for rural residents. Rural counties may allow the expansion of small-
12 scale businesses as long as those small-scale businesses conform with
13 the rural character of the area as defined by the local government
14 according to RCW 36.70A.030(23). Rural counties may also allow new
15 small-scale businesses to utilize a site previously occupied by an
16 existing business as long as the new small-scale business conforms to
17 the rural character of the area as defined by the local government
18 according to RCW 36.70A.030(23). Public services and public
19 facilities shall be limited to those necessary to serve the isolated
20 nonresidential use, and shall be provided in a manner that does not
21 permit low-density sprawl;

22 (iv) A county shall adopt measures to minimize and contain the
23 existing areas or uses of more intensive rural development, as
24 appropriate, authorized under this subsection. Lands included in such
25 existing areas or uses shall not extend beyond the logical outer
26 boundary of the existing area or use, thereby allowing a new pattern
27 of low-density sprawl. Existing areas are those that are clearly
28 identifiable and contained and where there is a logical boundary
29 delineated predominately by the built environment, but that may also
30 include undeveloped lands if limited as provided in this subsection.
31 The county shall establish the logical outer boundary of an area of
32 more intensive rural development. In establishing the logical outer
33 boundary, the county shall address (A) the need to preserve the
34 character of existing natural neighborhoods and communities, (B)
35 physical boundaries, such as bodies of water, streets and highways,
36 and land forms and contours, (C) the prevention of abnormally
37 irregular boundaries, and (D) the ability to provide public
38 facilities and public services in a manner that does not permit low-
39 density sprawl;

1 (v) For purposes of (d) of this subsection, an existing area or
2 existing use is one that was in existence:

3 (A) On July 1, 1990, in a county that was initially required to
4 plan under all of the provisions of this chapter;

5 (B) On the date the county adopted a resolution under RCW
6 36.70A.040(2), in a county that is planning under all of the
7 provisions of this chapter under RCW 36.70A.040(2); or

8 (C) On the date the office of financial management certifies the
9 county's population as provided in RCW 36.70A.040(5), in a county
10 that is planning under all of the provisions of this chapter pursuant
11 to RCW 36.70A.040(5).

12 (e) Exception. This subsection shall not be interpreted to permit
13 in the rural area a major industrial development or a master planned
14 resort unless otherwise specifically permitted under RCW 36.70A.360
15 and 36.70A.365.

16 (6) A transportation element that implements, and is consistent
17 with, the land use element.

18 (a) The transportation element shall include the following
19 subelements:

20 (i) Land use assumptions used in estimating travel;

21 (ii) Estimated traffic impacts to state-owned transportation
22 facilities resulting from land use assumptions to assist the
23 department of transportation in monitoring the performance of state
24 facilities, to plan improvements for the facilities, and to assess
25 the impact of land-use decisions on state-owned transportation
26 facilities;

27 (iii) Facilities and services needs, including:

28 (A) An inventory of air, water, and ground transportation
29 facilities and services, including transit alignments and general
30 aviation airport facilities, to define existing capital facilities
31 and travel levels as a basis for future planning. This inventory must
32 include state-owned transportation facilities within the city or
33 county's jurisdictional boundaries;

34 (B) Level of service standards for all locally owned arterials
35 and transit routes to serve as a gauge to judge performance of the
36 system. These standards should be regionally coordinated;

37 (C) For state-owned transportation facilities, level of service
38 standards for highways, as prescribed in chapters 47.06 and 47.80
39 RCW, to gauge the performance of the system. The purposes of
40 reflecting level of service standards for state highways in the local

1 comprehensive plan are to monitor the performance of the system, to
2 evaluate improvement strategies, and to facilitate coordination
3 between the county's or city's six-year street, road, or transit
4 program and the office of financial management's ten-year investment
5 program. The concurrency requirements of (b) of this subsection do
6 not apply to transportation facilities and services of statewide
7 significance except for counties consisting of islands whose only
8 connection to the mainland are state highways or ferry routes. In
9 these island counties, state highways and ferry route capacity must
10 be a factor in meeting the concurrency requirements in (b) of this
11 subsection;

12 (D) Specific actions and requirements for bringing into
13 compliance locally owned transportation facilities or services that
14 are below an established level of service standard;

15 (E) Forecasts of traffic for at least ten years based on the
16 adopted land use plan to provide information on the location, timing,
17 and capacity needs of future growth;

18 (F) Identification of state and local system needs to meet
19 current and future demands. Identified needs on state-owned
20 transportation facilities must be consistent with the statewide
21 multimodal transportation plan required under chapter 47.06 RCW;

22 (iv) Finance, including:

23 (A) An analysis of funding capability to judge needs against
24 probable funding resources;

25 (B) A multiyear financing plan based on the needs identified in
26 the comprehensive plan, the appropriate parts of which shall serve as
27 the basis for the six-year street, road, or transit program required
28 by RCW 35.77.010 for cities, RCW 36.81.121 for counties, and RCW
29 35.58.2795 for public transportation systems. The multiyear financing
30 plan should be coordinated with the ten-year investment program
31 developed by the office of financial management as required by RCW
32 47.05.030;

33 (C) If probable funding falls short of meeting identified needs,
34 a discussion of how additional funding will be raised, or how land
35 use assumptions will be reassessed to ensure that level of service
36 standards will be met;

37 (v) Intergovernmental coordination efforts, including an
38 assessment of the impacts of the transportation plan and land use
39 assumptions on the transportation systems of adjacent jurisdictions;

40 (vi) Demand-management strategies;

1 (vii) Pedestrian and bicycle component to include collaborative
2 efforts to identify and designate planned improvements for pedestrian
3 and bicycle facilities and corridors that address and encourage
4 enhanced community access and promote healthy lifestyles.

5 (b) After adoption of the comprehensive plan by jurisdictions
6 required to plan or who choose to plan under RCW 36.70A.040, local
7 jurisdictions must adopt and enforce ordinances which prohibit
8 development approval if the development causes the level of service
9 on a locally owned transportation facility to decline below the
10 standards adopted in the transportation element of the comprehensive
11 plan, unless transportation improvements or strategies to accommodate
12 the impacts of development are made concurrent with the development.
13 These strategies may include increased public transportation service,
14 ride-sharing programs, demand management, and other transportation
15 systems management strategies. For the purposes of this subsection
16 (6), "concurrent with the development" means that improvements or
17 strategies are in place at the time of development, or that a
18 financial commitment is in place to complete the improvements or
19 strategies within six years. If the collection of impact fees is
20 delayed under RCW 82.02.050(3), the six-year period required by this
21 subsection (6)(b) must begin after full payment of all impact fees is
22 due to the county or city.

23 (c) The transportation element described in this subsection (6),
24 the six-year plans required by RCW 35.77.010 for cities, RCW
25 36.81.121 for counties, and RCW 35.58.2795 for public transportation
26 systems, and the ten-year investment program required by RCW
27 47.05.030 for the state, must be consistent.

28 (7) An economic development element establishing local goals,
29 policies, objectives, and provisions for economic growth and vitality
30 and a high quality of life. A city that has chosen to be a
31 residential community is exempt from the economic development element
32 requirement of this subsection.

33 (8) A park and recreation element that implements, and is
34 consistent with, the capital facilities plan element as it relates to
35 park and recreation facilities. The element shall include: (a)
36 Estimates of park and recreation demand for at least a ten-year
37 period; (b) an evaluation of facilities and service needs; and (c) an
38 evaluation of intergovernmental coordination opportunities to provide
39 regional approaches for meeting park and recreational demand.

1 (9) It is the intent that new or amended elements required after
2 January 1, 2002, be adopted concurrent with the scheduled update
3 provided in RCW 36.70A.130. Requirements to incorporate any such new
4 or amended elements shall be null and void until funds sufficient to
5 cover applicable local government costs are appropriated and
6 distributed by the state at least two years before local government
7 must update comprehensive plans as required in RCW 36.70A.130.

8 **Sec. 3.** RCW 36.70A.110 and 2017 c 305 s 1 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 (1) Each county that is required or chooses to plan under RCW
11 36.70A.040 shall designate an urban growth area or areas within which
12 urban growth shall be encouraged and outside of which growth can
13 occur only if it is not urban in nature. Each city that is located in
14 such a county shall be included within an urban growth area. An urban
15 growth area may include more than a single city. An urban growth area
16 may include territory that is located outside of a city only if such
17 territory already is characterized by urban growth whether or not the
18 urban growth area includes a city, or is adjacent to territory
19 already characterized by urban growth, or is a designated new fully
20 contained community as defined by RCW 36.70A.350.

21 (2) Based upon the growth management population projection made
22 for the county by the office of financial management, the county and
23 each city within the county shall include areas and densities
24 sufficient to permit the urban growth that is projected to occur in
25 the county or city for the succeeding twenty-year period, except for
26 those urban growth areas contained totally within a national
27 historical reserve. As part of this planning process, each city
28 within the county must include areas sufficient to accommodate the
29 broad range of needs and uses that will accompany the projected urban
30 growth including, as appropriate, medical, governmental,
31 institutional, commercial, service, retail, and other nonresidential
32 uses.

33 Each urban growth area shall permit urban densities and shall
34 include greenbelt and open space areas. In the case of urban growth
35 areas contained totally within a national historical reserve, the
36 city may restrict densities, intensities, and forms of urban growth
37 as determined to be necessary and appropriate to protect the
38 physical, cultural, or historic integrity of the reserve. An urban
39 growth area determination may include a reasonable land market supply

1 factor and shall permit a range of urban densities and uses. In
2 determining this market factor, cities and counties may consider
3 local circumstances. Cities and counties have discretion in their
4 comprehensive plans to make many choices about accommodating growth.

5 Within one year of July 1, 1990, each county that as of June 1,
6 1991, was required or chose to plan under RCW 36.70A.040, shall begin
7 consulting with each city located within its boundaries and each city
8 shall propose the location of an urban growth area. Within sixty days
9 of the date the county legislative authority of a county adopts its
10 resolution of intention or of certification by the office of
11 financial management, all other counties that are required or choose
12 to plan under RCW 36.70A.040 shall begin this consultation with each
13 city located within its boundaries. The county shall attempt to reach
14 agreement with each city on the location of an urban growth area
15 within which the city is located. If such an agreement is not reached
16 with each city located within the urban growth area, the county shall
17 justify in writing why it so designated the area an urban growth
18 area. A city may object formally with the department over the
19 designation of the urban growth area within which it is located.
20 Where appropriate, the department shall attempt to resolve the
21 conflicts, including the use of mediation services.

22 (3) Urban growth should be located first in areas already
23 characterized by urban growth that have adequate existing public
24 facility and service capacities to serve such development, second in
25 areas already characterized by urban growth that will be served
26 adequately by a combination of both existing public facilities and
27 services and any additional needed public facilities and services
28 that are provided by either public or private sources, and third in
29 the remaining portions of the urban growth areas. Urban growth may
30 also be located in designated new fully contained communities as
31 defined by RCW 36.70A.350.

32 (4) In general, cities are the units of local government most
33 appropriate to provide urban governmental services. In general, it is
34 not appropriate that urban governmental services be extended to or
35 expanded in rural areas except (~~if~~):

36 (a) In those limited circumstances shown to be necessary to
37 protect basic public health and safety and the environment and when
38 such services are financially supportable at rural densities and do
39 not permit urban development; or

1 (b) When there is existing development inconsistent with rural
2 character, publicly provided water, stormwater, and sanitary sewer
3 services may be extended beyond the city and urban growth areas to
4 meet the needs of the people living in communities outside of the
5 city, as long as such an extension will not foster expended urban
6 development that is not planned to be included within an urban growth
7 area in the relevant comprehensive plans of the city or county. The
8 city or county must make findings that the extension is feasible,
9 cost-effective over a planning horizon of no more than 20 years, and
10 environmentally beneficial. For the purposes of this section,
11 "environmentally beneficial" means a determination, made after a
12 quantified analysis of the expected environmental impacts of the
13 proposed action is undertaken pursuant to chapter 43.21C RCW, that
14 the action would mitigate current or projected environmental impacts
15 or would provide defined benefits reflecting specific state or
16 federal environmental policies or policies in the comprehensive plan
17 of the jurisdiction.

18 (5) On or before October 1, 1993, each county that was initially
19 required to plan under RCW 36.70A.040(1) shall adopt development
20 regulations designating interim urban growth areas under this
21 chapter. Within three years and three months of the date the county
22 legislative authority of a county adopts its resolution of intention
23 or of certification by the office of financial management, all other
24 counties that are required or choose to plan under RCW 36.70A.040
25 shall adopt development regulations designating interim urban growth
26 areas under this chapter. Adoption of the interim urban growth areas
27 may only occur after public notice; public hearing; and compliance
28 with the state environmental policy act, chapter 43.21C RCW, and
29 under this section. Such action may be appealed to the growth
30 management hearings board under RCW 36.70A.280. Final urban growth
31 areas shall be adopted at the time of comprehensive plan adoption
32 under this chapter.

33 (6) Each county shall include designations of urban growth areas
34 in its comprehensive plan.

35 (7) An urban growth area designated in accordance with this
36 section may include within its boundaries urban service areas or
37 potential annexation areas designated for specific cities or towns
38 within the county.

39 (8) (a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, the
40 expansion of an urban growth area is prohibited into the one hundred

1 year floodplain of any river or river segment that: (i) Is located
2 west of the crest of the Cascade mountains; and (ii) has a mean
3 annual flow of one thousand or more cubic feet per second as
4 determined by the department of ecology.

5 (b) Subsection (8)(a) of this section does not apply to:

6 (i) Urban growth areas that are fully contained within a
7 floodplain and lack adjacent buildable areas outside the floodplain;

8 (ii) Urban growth areas where expansions are precluded outside
9 floodplains because:

10 (A) Urban governmental services cannot be physically provided to
11 serve areas outside the floodplain; or

12 (B) Expansions outside the floodplain would require a river or
13 estuary crossing to access the expansion; or

14 (iii) Urban growth area expansions where:

15 (A) Public facilities already exist within the floodplain and the
16 expansion of an existing public facility is only possible on the land
17 to be included in the urban growth area and located within the
18 floodplain; or

19 (B) Urban development already exists within a floodplain as of
20 July 26, 2009, and is adjacent to, but outside of, the urban growth
21 area, and the expansion of the urban growth area is necessary to
22 include such urban development within the urban growth area; or

23 (C) The land is owned by a jurisdiction planning under this
24 chapter or the rights to the development of the land have been
25 permanently extinguished, and the following criteria are met:

26 (I) The permissible use of the land is limited to one of the
27 following: Outdoor recreation; environmentally beneficial projects,
28 including but not limited to habitat enhancement or environmental
29 restoration; stormwater facilities; flood control facilities; or
30 underground conveyances; and

31 (II) The development and use of such facilities or projects will
32 not decrease flood storage, increase stormwater runoff, discharge
33 pollutants to fresh or salt waters during normal operations or
34 floods, or increase hazards to people and property.

35 (c) For the purposes of this subsection (8), "one hundred year
36 floodplain" means the same as "special flood hazard area" as set
37 forth in WAC 173-158-040 as it exists on July 26, 2009.

38 (9) If a county, city, or utility has adopted a capital facility
39 plan or utilities element to provide sewer service within the urban
40 growth areas during the twenty-year planning period, nothing in this

1 chapter obligates counties, cities, or utilities to install sanitary
2 sewer systems to properties within urban growth areas designated
3 under subsection (2) of this section by the end of the twenty-year
4 planning period when those properties:

5 (a)(i) Have existing, functioning, nonpolluting on-site sewage
6 systems;

7 (ii) Have a periodic inspection program by a public agency to
8 verify the on-site sewage systems function properly and do not
9 pollute surface or groundwater; and

10 (iii) Have no redevelopment capacity; or

11 (b) Do not require sewer service because development densities
12 are limited due to wetlands, flood plains, fish and wildlife
13 habitats, or geological hazards.

14 (10) The provision of water, sanitary sewage systems, and
15 stormwater control facilities may be used to protect basic public
16 health, safety, and the environment outside of city and urban growth
17 area boundaries in accordance with subsection (4) of this section.

18 **Sec. 4.** RCW 36.70A.320 and 1997 c 429 s 20 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

20 (1) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section,
21 comprehensive plans and development regulations, and amendments
22 thereto, adopted under this chapter are presumed valid upon adoption.

23 (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4) of this
24 section, the burden is on the petitioner to demonstrate that any
25 action taken by a state agency, county, or city under this chapter is
26 not in compliance with the requirements of this chapter.

27 (3) In any petition under this chapter, the board, after full
28 consideration of the petition, shall determine whether there is
29 compliance with the requirements of this chapter. In making its
30 determination, the board shall consider the criteria adopted by the
31 department under RCW 36.70A.190(4). The board shall find compliance
32 unless it determines that the action by the state agency, county, or
33 city is clearly erroneous in view of the entire record before the
34 board and in light of the goals and requirements of this chapter.

35 A finding of noncompliance may not be based on the provision of
36 water, sewer, or stormwater facilities or services extended outside
37 of a city's boundaries when approved pursuant to RCW 36.70A.110(4),
38 nor shall state funding be restricted or reduced for such a reason.

1 (4) A county or city subject to a determination of invalidity
2 made under RCW 36.70A.300 or 36.70A.302 has the burden of
3 demonstrating that the ordinance or resolution it has enacted in
4 response to the determination of invalidity will no longer
5 substantially interfere with the fulfillment of the goals of this
6 chapter under the standard in RCW 36.70A.302(1).

7 (5) The shoreline element of a comprehensive plan and the
8 applicable development regulations adopted by a county or city shall
9 take effect as provided in chapter 90.58 RCW.

10 **Sec. 5.** RCW 36.93.100 and 1994 c 216 s 13 are each amended to
11 read as follows:

12 The board shall review and approve, disapprove, or modify any of
13 the actions set forth in RCW 36.93.090 when any of the following
14 shall occur within forty-five days of the filing of a notice of
15 intention:

16 (1) Three members of a five-member boundary review board or five
17 members of a boundary review board in a county with a population of
18 one million or more files a request for review: PROVIDED, That the
19 members of the boundary review board shall not be authorized to file
20 a request for review of the following actions:

21 (a) The incorporation of any special district or change in the
22 boundary of any city, town, or special purpose district;

23 (b) The extension of permanent water service outside of its
24 existing corporate boundaries by a city, town, or special purpose
25 district if (i) the extension is through the installation of water
26 mains of six inches or less in diameter or (ii) the county
27 legislative authority for the county in which the proposed extension
28 is to be built is required or chooses to plan under RCW 36.70A.040
29 and has by a majority vote waived the authority of the board to
30 initiate review of all other extensions; (~~or~~)

31 (c) The extension of permanent sewer service outside of its
32 existing corporate boundaries by a city, town, or special purpose
33 district if (i) the extension is through the installation of sewer
34 mains of eight inches or less in diameter or (ii) the county
35 legislative authority for the county in which the proposed extension
36 is to be built is required or chooses to plan under RCW 36.70A.040
37 and has by a majority vote waived the authority of the board to
38 initiate review of all other extensions; or

1 (d) The extension of permanent water service outside of its
2 existing corporate boundaries by a city, town, or special purpose
3 district when the extension is approved pursuant to RCW 36.70A.110(4)
4 and is included in the most recent update of the comprehensive plan
5 of any city extending such service, or of the county in which the
6 properties that service is extended to are located;

7 (2) Any governmental unit affected, including the governmental
8 unit for which the boundary change or extension of permanent water or
9 sewer service is proposed, or the county within which the area of the
10 proposed action is located, files a request for review of the
11 specific action;

12 (3) A petition requesting review is filed and is signed by:

13 (a) Five percent of the registered voters residing within the
14 area which is being considered for the proposed action (as determined
15 by the boundary review board in its discretion subject to immediate
16 review by writ of certiorari to the superior court); or

17 (b) An owner or owners of property consisting of five percent of
18 the assessed valuation within such area;

19 (4) The majority of the members of boundary review boards concur
20 with a request for review when a petition requesting the review is
21 filed by five percent of the registered voters who deem themselves
22 affected by the action and reside within one-quarter mile of the
23 proposed action but not within the jurisdiction proposing the action.

24 If a period of forty-five days shall elapse without the board's
25 jurisdiction having been invoked as set forth in this section, the
26 proposed action shall be deemed approved.

27 If a review of a proposal is requested, the board shall make a
28 finding as prescribed in RCW 36.93.150 within one hundred twenty days
29 after the filing of such a request for review. If this period of one
30 hundred twenty days shall elapse without the board making a finding
31 as prescribed in RCW 36.93.150, the proposal shall be deemed approved
32 unless the board and the person who submitted the proposal agree to
33 an extension of the one hundred twenty day period.

34 **Sec. 6.** RCW 36.93.105 and 1999 c 153 s 46 are each amended to
35 read as follows:

36 The following actions shall not be subject to potential review by
37 a boundary review board:

1 (1) The extension of permanent water or sewer services outside of
2 its existing corporate boundaries by a city, town, or special purpose
3 district when approved pursuant to RCW 36.70A.110(4);
4 (2) Annexations of territory to a water-sewer district pursuant
5 to RCW 36.94.410 through 36.94.440;
6 (~~(2)~~) (3) Revisions of city or town boundaries pursuant to RCW
7 35.21.790 or 35A.21.210;
8 (~~(3)~~) (4) Adjustments to city or town boundaries pursuant to
9 RCW 35.13.340; and
10 (~~(4)~~) (5) Adjustments to city and town boundaries pursuant to
11 RCW 35.13.300 through 35.13.330.

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