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By Senator Fortunato

1 AN ACT Relating to approval of building permits; and amending RCW
2 36.70B.070.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.70B.070 and 1995 c 347 s 408 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Within twenty-eight days after receiving a project permit
7 application, a local government planning pursuant to RCW 36.70A.040
8 shall mail or provide in person a written determination to the
9 applicant, stating either:

10 (a) That the application is complete; or

11 (b) That the application is incomplete and what is necessary to
12 make the application complete.

13 To the extent known by the local government, the local government
14 shall identify other agencies of local, state, or federal governments
15 that may have jurisdiction over some aspect of the application.

16 (2) A project permit application is complete for purposes of this
17 section when it meets the procedural submission requirements of the
18 local government and is sufficient for continued processing even
19 though additional information may be required or project
20 modifications may be undertaken subsequently. The determination of
21 completeness shall not preclude the local government from requesting

1 additional information or studies either at the time of the notice of
2 completeness or subsequently if new information is required or
3 substantial changes in the proposed action occur.

4 (3) A project permit application shall be deemed complete
5 following three reviews or requests for additional information by the
6 local government unless clear violation of substantive and procedural
7 requirements is demonstrated by the reviewing entity.

8 (4) The determination of completeness may include the following
9 as optional information:

10 (a) A preliminary determination of those development regulations
11 that will be used for project mitigation;

12 (b) A preliminary determination of consistency, as provided under
13 RCW 36.70B.040; or

14 (c) Other information the local government chooses to include.

15 ~~((4))~~ (5)(a) An application shall be deemed complete under this
16 section if the local government does not provide a written
17 determination to the applicant that the application is incomplete as
18 provided in subsection (1)(b) of this section.

19 (b) Within fourteen days after an applicant has submitted to a
20 local government additional information identified by the local
21 government as being necessary for a complete application, the local
22 government shall notify the applicant whether the application is
23 complete or what additional information is necessary.

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