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1 AN ACT Relating to expanding urban growth area boundaries for  
2 residential development; amending RCW 36.70A.110; reenacting and  
3 amending RCW 36.70A.130; adding a new section to chapter 36.70A RCW;  
4 and 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 the supply of  
7 developable land for housing needs to be increased. To do so without  
8 increasing the costs on local governments, the legislature intends to  
9 direct cities and counties to expand urban growth area boundaries so  
10 that any parcel that shares a common boundary with, or is located  
11 across the road from, a residential parcel with access to urban  
12 services can be developed for residential purposes.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 36.70A  
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 (1) By the next comprehensive plan update required under RCW  
16 36.70A.130, a city or county planning under this chapter must expand  
17 its urban growth area boundaries to include all parcels that:

18 (a) Share a common boundary with another parcel that: (i) Shares  
19 a common boundary with an urban growth area boundary; (ii) is  
20 developed for residential purposes or has been approved for

1 residential development by the county; and (iii) has access to urban  
2 services or is in an area where the county plans to provide urban  
3 services; or

4 (b) Are adjacent to a road along which an urban growth area  
5 boundary is drawn where parcels on the opposite side of the road: (i)  
6 Are within the urban growth area; (ii) are developed for residential  
7 purposes or have been approved for residential development by the  
8 county; and (iii) have access to urban services or are in an area  
9 where the county plans to provide urban services.

10 (2) On a parcel that meets the criteria in subsection (1) of this  
11 section, a city or county must:

12 (a) Authorize residential development at the same density as  
13 allowed on the types of parcels described in subsection (1)(a) and  
14 (b) of this section; and

15 (b) Allow any buildings that are part of a residential  
16 development to use and connect to any available urban services.

17 **Sec. 3.** RCW 36.70A.110 and 2022 c 252 s 4 are each amended to  
18 read as follows:

19 (1) Each county that is required or chooses to plan under RCW  
20 36.70A.040 shall designate an urban growth area or areas within which  
21 urban growth shall be encouraged and outside of which growth can  
22 occur only if it is not urban in nature. Each city that is located in  
23 such a county shall be included within an urban growth area. Each  
24 parcel that meets the criteria in section 2(1) of this act shall be  
25 included within an urban growth area. An urban growth area may  
26 include more than a single city. An urban growth area may include  
27 territory that is located outside of a city only if such territory  
28 already is characterized by urban growth whether or not the urban  
29 growth area includes a city, or is adjacent to territory already  
30 characterized by urban growth, or is a designated new fully contained  
31 community as defined by RCW 36.70A.350. When a federally recognized  
32 Indian tribe whose reservation or ceded lands lie within the county  
33 or city has voluntarily chosen to participate in the planning process  
34 pursuant to RCW 36.70A.040, the county or city and the tribe shall  
35 coordinate their planning efforts for any areas planned for urban  
36 growth consistent with the terms outlined in the memorandum of  
37 agreement provided for in RCW 36.70A.040(8).

38 (2) Based upon the growth management population projection made  
39 for the county by the office of financial management, the county and

1 each city within the county shall include areas and densities  
2 sufficient to permit the urban growth that is projected to occur in  
3 the county or city for the succeeding (~~twenty-year~~) 20-year period,  
4 except for those urban growth areas contained totally within a  
5 national historical reserve. As part of this planning process, each  
6 city within the county must include areas sufficient to accommodate  
7 the broad range of needs and uses that will accompany the projected  
8 urban growth including, as appropriate, medical, governmental,  
9 institutional, commercial, service, retail, and other nonresidential  
10 uses.

11 Each urban growth area shall permit urban densities and shall  
12 include greenbelt and open space areas. In the case of urban growth  
13 areas contained totally within a national historical reserve, the  
14 city may restrict densities, intensities, and forms of urban growth  
15 as determined to be necessary and appropriate to protect the  
16 physical, cultural, or historic integrity of the reserve. An urban  
17 growth area determination may include a reasonable land market supply  
18 factor and shall permit a range of urban densities and uses. In  
19 determining this market factor, cities and counties may consider  
20 local circumstances. Cities and counties have discretion in their  
21 comprehensive plans to make many choices about accommodating growth.

22 Within one year of July 1, 1990, each county that as of June 1,  
23 1991, was required or chose to plan under RCW 36.70A.040, shall begin  
24 consulting with each city located within its boundaries and each city  
25 shall propose the location of an urban growth area. Within (~~sixty~~)  
26 60 days of the date the county legislative authority of a county  
27 adopts its resolution of intention or of certification by the office  
28 of financial management, all other counties that are required or  
29 choose to plan under RCW 36.70A.040 shall begin this consultation  
30 with each city located within its boundaries. The county shall  
31 attempt to reach agreement with each city on the location of an urban  
32 growth area within which the city is located. If such an agreement is  
33 not reached with each city located within the urban growth area, the  
34 county shall justify in writing why it so designated the area an  
35 urban growth area. A city may object formally with the department  
36 over the designation of the urban growth area within which it is  
37 located. Where appropriate, the department shall attempt to resolve  
38 the conflicts, including the use of mediation services.

39 (3) Urban growth should be located first in areas already  
40 characterized by urban growth that have adequate existing public

1 facility and service capacities to serve such development, second in  
2 areas already characterized by urban growth that will be served  
3 adequately by a combination of both existing public facilities and  
4 services and any additional needed public facilities and services  
5 that are provided by either public or private sources, and third in  
6 the remaining portions of the urban growth areas. Urban growth may  
7 also be located in designated new fully contained communities as  
8 defined by RCW 36.70A.350.

9 (4) In general, cities are the units of local government most  
10 appropriate to provide urban governmental services. In general, it is  
11 not appropriate that urban governmental services be extended to or  
12 expanded in rural areas except ~~((in))~~:

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

17 (b) When necessary for residential development of a parcel that  
18 meets the criteria in section 2(1) of this act.

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

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

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

1 (8) (a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, the  
2 expansion of an urban growth area is prohibited into the (~~one~~  
3 ~~hundred-year~~) 100-year floodplain of any river or river segment  
4 that: (i) Is located west of the crest of the Cascade mountains; and  
5 (ii) has a mean annual flow of (~~one-thousand~~) 1,000 or more cubic  
6 feet per second as determined by the department of ecology.

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

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

10 (ii) Urban growth areas where expansions are precluded outside  
11 floodplains because:

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

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

16 (iii) Urban growth area expansions where:

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (9) If a county, city, or utility has adopted a capital facility  
2 plan or utilities element to provide sewer service within the urban  
3 growth areas during the (~~twenty-year~~) 20-year planning period,  
4 nothing in this chapter obligates counties, cities, or utilities to  
5 install sanitary sewer systems to properties within urban growth  
6 areas designated under subsection (2) of this section by the end of  
7 the (~~twenty-year~~) 20-year planning period when those properties:

8 (a)(i) Have existing, functioning, nonpolluting on-site sewage  
9 systems;

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

13 (iii) Have no redevelopment capacity; or

14 (b) Do not require sewer service because development densities  
15 are limited due to wetlands, floodplains, fish and wildlife habitats,  
16 or geological hazards.

17 **Sec. 4.** RCW 36.70A.130 and 2023 c 280 s 1 and 2023 c 228 s 15  
18 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

19 (1)(a) Each comprehensive land use plan and development  
20 regulations shall be subject to continuing review and evaluation by  
21 the county or city that adopted them. Except as otherwise provided, a  
22 county or city shall take legislative action to review and, if  
23 needed, revise its comprehensive land use plan and development  
24 regulations to ensure the plan and regulations comply with the  
25 requirements of this chapter according to the deadlines in  
26 subsections (4) and (5) of this section.

27 (b)(i) A city or town located within (~~the~~) a county planning  
28 under RCW 36.70A.040 may opt out of a full review and revisions of  
29 its comprehensive plan established in this section if the city or  
30 town meets the following criteria:

31 (A) Has a population fewer than 500;

32 (B) Is not located within 10 miles of a city with a population  
33 over 100,000;

34 (C) Experienced a population growth rate of fewer than 10 percent  
35 in the preceding 10 years; and

36 (D) Has provided the department with notice of its intent to  
37 participate in a partial review and revision of its comprehensive  
38 plan.

1 (ii) The department shall review the population growth rate for a  
2 city or town participating in the partial review and revision of its  
3 comprehensive plan process at least three years before the periodic  
4 update is due as outlined in subsection (4) of this section and  
5 notify cities of their eligibility.

6 (iii) A city or town that opts out of a full review and revision  
7 of its comprehensive plan must update its critical areas regulations  
8 and its capital facilities element and its transportation element.

9 (c) Except as otherwise provided, a county or city not planning  
10 under RCW 36.70A.040 shall take action to review and, if needed,  
11 revise its policies and development regulations regarding critical  
12 areas and natural resource lands adopted according to this chapter to  
13 ensure these policies and regulations comply with the requirements of  
14 this chapter according to the deadlines in subsections (4) and (5) of  
15 this section. Legislative action means the adoption of a resolution  
16 or ordinance following notice and a public hearing indicating at a  
17 minimum, a finding that a review and evaluation has occurred and  
18 identifying the revisions made, or that a revision was not needed and  
19 the reasons therefor.

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

25 (e) Any amendment of or revision to a comprehensive land use plan  
26 shall conform to this chapter. Any amendment of or revision to  
27 development regulations shall be consistent with and implement the  
28 comprehensive plan.

29 (2)(a) Each county and city shall establish and broadly  
30 disseminate to the public a public participation program consistent  
31 with RCW 36.70A.035 and 36.70A.140 that identifies procedures and  
32 schedules whereby updates, proposed amendments, or revisions of the  
33 comprehensive plan are considered by the governing body of the county  
34 or city no more frequently than once every year. "Updates" means to  
35 review and revise, if needed, according to subsection (1) of this  
36 section, and the deadlines in subsections (4) and (5) of this section  
37 or in accordance with the provisions of subsection (6) of this  
38 section. Amendments may be considered more frequently than once per  
39 year under the following circumstances:

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

7 (ii) The development of an initial subarea plan for economic  
8 development located outside of the 100 year floodplain in a county  
9 that has completed a state-funded pilot project that is based on  
10 watershed characterization and local habitat assessment;

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

13 (iv) The amendment of the capital facilities element of a  
14 comprehensive plan that occurs concurrently with the adoption or  
15 amendment of a county or city budget; or

16 (v) The adoption of comprehensive plan amendments necessary to  
17 enact a planned action under RCW 43.21C.440, provided that amendments  
18 are considered in accordance with the public participation program  
19 established by the county or city under this subsection (2)(a) and  
20 all persons who have requested notice of a comprehensive plan update  
21 are given notice of the amendments and an opportunity to comment.

22 (b) Except as otherwise provided in (a) of this subsection, all  
23 proposals shall be considered by the governing body concurrently so  
24 the cumulative effect of the various proposals can be ascertained.  
25 However, after appropriate public participation a county or city may  
26 adopt amendments or revisions to its comprehensive plan that conform  
27 with this chapter whenever an emergency exists or to resolve an  
28 appeal of a comprehensive plan filed with the growth management  
29 hearings board or with the court.

30 (3)(a) Each county that designates urban growth areas under RCW  
31 36.70A.110 shall review, according to the schedules established in  
32 subsections (4) and (5) of this section, its designated urban growth  
33 area or areas, patterns of development occurring within the urban  
34 growth area or areas, and the densities permitted within both the  
35 incorporated and unincorporated portions of each urban growth area.  
36 In conjunction with this review by the county, each city located  
37 within an urban growth area shall review the densities permitted  
38 within its boundaries, and the extent to which the urban growth  
39 occurring within the county has located within each city and the  
40 unincorporated portions of the urban growth areas.



1 (b) The county comprehensive plan designating urban growth areas,  
2 and the densities permitted in the urban growth areas by the  
3 comprehensive plans of the county and each city located within the  
4 urban growth areas, shall be revised to accommodate the urban growth  
5 projected to occur in the county for the succeeding 20-year period  
6 and to accommodate the inclusion of parcels that meet the criteria in  
7 section 2(1) of this act within the urban growth areas. The review  
8 required by this subsection may be combined with the review and  
9 evaluation required by RCW 36.70A.215.

10 (c) If, during the county's review under (a) of this subsection,  
11 the county determines revision of the urban growth area is not  
12 required to accommodate the urban growth projected to occur in the  
13 county for the succeeding 20-year period, but does determine that  
14 patterns of development have created pressure in areas that exceed  
15 available, developable lands within the urban growth area, the urban  
16 growth area or areas may be revised to accommodate identified  
17 patterns of development and likely future development pressure for  
18 the succeeding 20-year period if the following requirements are met:

19 (i) The revised urban growth area may not result in an increase  
20 in the total surface areas of the urban growth area or areas;

21 (ii) The areas added to the urban growth area are not or have not  
22 been designated as agricultural, forest, or mineral resource lands of  
23 long-term commercial significance;

24 (iii) Less than 15 percent of the areas added to the urban growth  
25 area are critical areas;

26 (iv) The areas added to the urban growth areas are suitable for  
27 urban growth;

28 (v) The transportation element and capital facility plan element  
29 have identified the transportation facilities, and public facilities  
30 and services needed to serve the urban growth area and the funding to  
31 provide the transportation facilities and public facilities and  
32 services;

33 (vi) The urban growth area is not larger than needed to  
34 accommodate the growth planned for the succeeding 20-year planning  
35 period and a reasonable land market supply factor;

36 (vii) The areas removed from the urban growth area do not include  
37 urban growth or urban densities; and

38 (viii) The revised urban growth area is contiguous, does not  
39 include holes or gaps, and will not increase pressures to urbanize  
40 rural or natural resource lands.

1 (4) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (6) and (8) of  
2 this section, counties and cities shall take action to review and, if  
3 needed, revise their comprehensive plans and development regulations  
4 to ensure the plan and regulations comply with the requirements of  
5 this chapter as follows:

6 (a) On or before June 30, 2015, for King, Pierce, and Snohomish  
7 counties and the cities within those counties;

8 (b) On or before June 30, 2016, for Clallam, Clark, Island,  
9 Jefferson, Kitsap, Mason, San Juan, Skagit, Thurston, and Whatcom  
10 counties and the cities within those counties;

11 (c) On or before June 30, 2017, for Benton, Chelan, Cowlitz,  
12 Douglas, Kittitas, Lewis, Skamania, Spokane, and Yakima counties and  
13 the cities within those counties; and

14 (d) On or before June 30, 2018, for Adams, Asotin, Columbia,  
15 Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Grays Harbor, Klickitat, Lincoln,  
16 Okanogan, Pacific, Pend Oreille, Stevens, Wahkiakum, Walla Walla, and  
17 Whitman counties and the cities within those counties.

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

25 (a) Except as provided in subsection (10) of this section, on or  
26 before December 31, 2024, with the following review and, if needed,  
27 revision on or before June 30, 2034, and then every 10 years  
28 thereafter, for King, Kitsap, Pierce, and Snohomish counties and the  
29 cities within those counties;

30 (b) On or before June 30, 2025, and every 10 years thereafter,  
31 for Clallam, Clark, Island, Jefferson, Lewis, Mason, San Juan,  
32 Skagit, Thurston, and Whatcom counties and the cities within those  
33 counties;

34 (c) On or before June 30, 2026, and every 10 years thereafter,  
35 for Benton, Chelan, Cowlitz, Douglas, Franklin, Kittitas, Skamania,  
36 Spokane, Walla Walla, and Yakima counties and the cities within those  
37 counties; and

38 (d) On or before June 30, 2027, and every 10 years thereafter,  
39 for Adams, Asotin, Columbia, Ferry, Garfield, Grant, Grays Harbor,

1 Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pacific, Pend Oreille, Stevens,  
2 Wahkiakum, and Whitman counties and the cities within those counties.

3 (6) (a) Nothing in this section precludes a county or city from  
4 conducting the review and evaluation required by this section before  
5 the deadlines established in subsections (4) and (5) of this section.  
6 Counties and cities may begin this process early and may be eligible  
7 for grants from the department, subject to available funding, if they  
8 elect to do so.

9 (b) A county that is subject to a deadline established in  
10 subsection (5) (b) through (d) of this section and meets the following  
11 criteria may comply with the requirements of this section at any time  
12 within the 24 months following the deadline established in subsection  
13 (5) of this section: The county has a population of less than 50,000  
14 and has had its population increase by no more than 17 percent in the  
15 10 years preceding the deadline established in subsection (5) of this  
16 section as of that date.

17 (c) A city that is subject to a deadline established in  
18 subsection (5) (b) through (d) of this section and meets the following  
19 criteria may comply with the requirements of this section at any time  
20 within the 24 months following the deadline established in subsection  
21 (5) of this section: The city has a population of no more than 5,000  
22 and has had its population increase by the greater of either no more  
23 than 100 persons or no more than 17 percent in the 10 years preceding  
24 the deadline established in subsection (5) of this section as of that  
25 date.

26 (d) State agencies are encouraged to provide technical assistance  
27 to the counties and cities in the review of critical area ordinances,  
28 comprehensive plans, and development regulations.

29 (7) (a) The requirements imposed on counties and cities under this  
30 section shall be considered "requirements of this chapter" under the  
31 terms of RCW 36.70A.040(1). Only those counties and cities that meet  
32 the following criteria may receive grants, loans, pledges, or  
33 financial guarantees under chapter 43.155 or 70A.135 RCW:

34 (i) Complying with the deadlines in this section; or

35 (ii) Demonstrating substantial progress towards compliance with  
36 the schedules in this section for development regulations that  
37 protect critical areas.

38 (b) A county or city that is fewer than 12 months out of  
39 compliance with the schedules in this section for development  
40 regulations that protect critical areas is making substantial

1 progress towards compliance. Only those counties and cities in  
2 compliance with the schedules in this section may receive preference  
3 for grants or loans subject to the provisions of RCW 43.17.250.

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

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

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

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

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

22 (iv) The adoption or amendment of development regulations is  
23 necessary to address a threat to human health or safety; or

24 (v) Three or more years have elapsed since the receipt of  
25 funding.

26 (c) Beginning 10 years from the date of receipt of funding, a  
27 county that has made the election under RCW 36.70A.710(1) must review  
28 and, if necessary, revise development regulations to protect critical  
29 areas as they specifically apply to agricultural activities in a  
30 participating watershed in accordance with the review and revision  
31 requirements and timeline in subsection (5) of this section. This  
32 subsection (8)(c) does not apply to a participating watershed that  
33 has determined under RCW 36.70A.720(2)(c)(ii) that the watershed's  
34 goals and benchmarks for protection have been met.

35 (9) (a) Counties subject to planning deadlines established in  
36 subsection (5) of this section that are required or that choose to  
37 plan under RCW 36.70A.040 and that meet either criteria of (a)(i) or  
38 (ii) of this subsection, and cities with a population of more than  
39 6,000 as of April 1, 2021, within those counties, must provide to the  
40 department an implementation progress report detailing the progress

1 they have achieved in implementing their comprehensive plan five  
2 years after the review and revision of their comprehensive plan. Once  
3 a county meets the criteria in (a) (i) or (ii) of this subsection, the  
4 implementation progress report requirements remain in effect  
5 thereafter for that county and the cities therein with populations  
6 greater than 6,000 as of April 1, 2021, even if the county later no  
7 longer meets either or both criteria. A county is subject to the  
8 implementation progress report requirement if it meets either of the  
9 following criteria on or after April 1, 2021:

10 (i) The county has a population density of at least 100 people  
11 per square mile and a population of at least 200,000; or

12 (ii) The county has a population density of at least 75 people  
13 per square mile and an annual growth rate of at least 1.75 percent as  
14 determined by the office of financial management.

15 (b) The department shall adopt guidelines for indicators,  
16 measures, milestones, and criteria for use by counties and cities in  
17 the implementation progress report that must cover:

18 (i) The implementation of previously adopted changes to the  
19 housing element and any effect those changes have had on housing  
20 affordability and availability within the jurisdiction;

21 (ii) Permit processing timelines; and

22 (iii) Progress toward implementing any actions required to  
23 achieve reductions to meet greenhouse gas and vehicle miles traveled  
24 requirements as provided for in any element of the comprehensive plan  
25 under RCW 36.70A.070.

26 (c) If a city or county required to provide an implementation  
27 progress report under this subsection (9) has not implemented any  
28 specifically identified regulations, zoning and land use changes, or  
29 taken other legislative or administrative action necessary to  
30 implement any changes in the most recent periodic update in their  
31 comprehensive plan by the due date for the implementation progress  
32 report, the city or county must identify the need for such action in  
33 the implementation progress report. Cities and counties must adopt a  
34 work plan to implement any necessary regulations, zoning and land use  
35 changes, or take other legislative or administrative action  
36 identified in the implementation progress report and complete all  
37 work necessary for implementation within two years of submission of  
38 the implementation progress report.

39 (10) Any county or city that is required by RCW 36.70A.095 to  
40 include in its comprehensive plan a climate change and resiliency

1 element and that is also required by subsection (5)(a) of this  
2 section to review and, if necessary, revise its comprehensive plan on  
3 or before December 31, 2024, must update its transportation element  
4 and incorporate a climate change and resiliency element into its  
5 comprehensive plan as part of the first implementation progress  
6 report required by subsection (9) of this section if funds are  
7 appropriated and distributed by December 31, 2027, as required under  
8 RCW 36.70A.070(10).

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