

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6465

As of January 23, 1996

Title: An act relating to growth management hearings boards.

Brief Description: Revising standards and procedures for growth management hearings boards.

Sponsors: Senators Sheldon, McCaslin, Snyder, Winsley, McAuliffe, Hale, Haugen and Strannigan.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Government Operations: 1/24/96.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Staff: Rod McAulay (786-7754)

Background: The Growth Management Act (GMA) established three regional growth management hearing boards with jurisdiction to review petitions alleging that a state agency, county or city planning under the GMA is not in compliance with the requirements of either the GMA, the Shorelines Management Act or the State Environmental Protection Act as it relates to the former two acts. Petitions may be filed by the state, a county or city that plans under the GMA, or by a person who has appeared before the county or city regarding the matter for which review is requested, or by a person qualified pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act.

There is concern that the GMA hearing boards have not given sufficient deference to locally developed and locally implemented strategies to manage population growth, and that the standards for review are not adequately stated. Specifically there are concerns that: