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Sponsor(s): Senators Mulliken, McCaslin, T. Sheldon and Stevens

Brief Description: Providing for maintaining buildable acreage in urban growth areas.

SB 6421 - DIGEST

Provides that, by September 1, 2006, and at least every five years thereafter, each county, in consultation with its cities as required by RCW 36.70A.110 and 36.70A.210, must increase the total land area within its urban growth areas by the total docketed acreage deficiency, with comparable qualitative land characteristics, through amendment of the county's comprehensive plan.

Requires that the county within which the increased land suitable for urban development is located must review its comprehensive plan elements under RCW 36.70A.070 and its development regulations under RCW 36.70A.060 and adopt any amendments necessary to assure that the comprehensive plan elements and development regulations are consistent with the changes required by this act. This review may be combined with but may not be delayed by the review required by RCW 36.70A.130(3) or the review and evaluation required by RCW 36.70A.215.

Declares that, for purposes of this act, "docketing" means compiling and maintaining a detailed list, available to the public, of acreage and land use deficiencies in a manner that ensures the deficiencies will be presented for the required periodic county action.

Declares that, for purposes of this act, "qualitative land characteristics" means the designated use of the land in deficiency, its suitability for development, the general location of that land within the county, its physical characteristics, and the availability of urban governmental services for the land.