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By Representatives Parker and Kretz

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1 AN ACT Relating to streamlining the process for the vacation of
2 roads by counties; and amending RCW 36.87.060.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.87.060 and 1985 c 369 s 5 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) On the day fixed for the hearing, the county legislative
7 authority shall proceed to consider (~~the report of the engineer,~~
8 ~~together with~~) any evidence for or objection against such vacation and
9 abandonment. If the county road is found useful as a part of the
10 county road system it shall not be vacated, but if it is not useful and
11 the public will be benefited by the vacation, the county legislative
12 authority may vacate the road or any portion thereof. Its decision
13 shall be entered in the minutes of the hearing.

14 (2) As an alternative, the county legislative authority may appoint
15 a hearing officer to conduct a public hearing (~~to consider the report~~
16 ~~of the engineer and~~) to take testimony and evidence relating to the
17 proposed vacation. Following the hearing, the hearing officer shall
18 prepare a record of the proceedings and a recommendation to the county

1 legislative authority concerning the proposed vacation. Their decision
2 shall be made at a regular or special public meeting of the county
3 legislative authority.

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