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1 Beginning on page 6, line 34 of the amendment, strike all of
2 section 3 and insert the following:

3 "Sec. 3. RCW 36.70A.215 and 1997 c 429 s 25 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) Subject to the limitations in subsection (7) of this section,
6 a county shall adopt, in consultation with its cities, countywide
7 planning policies to establish a review and evaluation program. This
8 program shall be in addition to the requirements of RCW 36.70A.110,
9 36.70A.130, and 36.70A.210. In developing and implementing the review
10 and evaluation program required by this section, the county and its
11 cities shall consider information from other appropriate jurisdictions
12 and sources. The purpose of the review and evaluation program shall be
13 to:

14 (a) Determine whether a county and its cities are achieving urban
15 densities within urban growth areas by comparing growth and development
16 assumptions, targets, and objectives contained in the countywide
17 planning policies and the county and city comprehensive plans with
18 actual growth and development that has occurred in the county and its
19 cities; and

20 (b) Identify reasonable measures, other than adjusting urban growth
21 areas, that will be taken to comply with the requirements of this
22 chapter.

23 (2) The review and evaluation program shall:

24 (a) Encompass land uses and activities both within and outside of
25 urban growth areas and provide for annual collection of data on urban
26 and rural land uses, development, critical areas, and capital
27 facilities to the extent necessary to determine the quantity and type
28 of land suitable for development, both for residential and employment-
29 based activities;

1 (b) Provide for evaluation of the data collected under (a) of this
2 subsection (~~every five years~~) as provided in subsection (3) of this
3 section. (~~The first evaluation shall be completed not later than~~
4 ~~September 1, 2002.~~) The evaluation shall be completed no later than
5 one year prior to the deadline for review and, if necessary, update of
6 comprehensive plans and development regulations as required by RCW
7 36.70A.130. The county and its cities may establish in the countywide
8 planning policies indicators, benchmarks, and other similar criteria to
9 use in conducting the evaluation;

10 (c) Provide for methods to resolve disputes among jurisdictions
11 relating to the countywide planning policies required by this section
12 and procedures to resolve inconsistencies in collection and analysis of
13 data; and

14 (d) Provide for the amendment of the countywide policies and county
15 and city comprehensive plans as needed to remedy an inconsistency
16 identified through the evaluation required by this section, or to bring
17 these policies into compliance with the requirements of this chapter.

18 (3) At a minimum, the evaluation component of the program required
19 by subsection (1) of this section shall:

20 (a) Determine whether there is sufficient suitable land to
21 accommodate the countywide population projection established for the
22 county pursuant to RCW 43.62.035 and the subsequent population
23 allocations within the county and between the county and its cities and
24 the requirements of RCW 36.70A.110;

25 (b) Determine the actual density of housing that has been
26 constructed and the actual amount of land developed for commercial and
27 industrial uses within the urban growth area since the adoption of a
28 comprehensive plan under this chapter or since the last periodic
29 evaluation as required by subsection (1) of this section; and

30 (c) Based on the actual density of development as determined under
31 (b) of this subsection, review commercial, industrial, and housing
32 needs by type and density range to determine the amount of land needed
33 for commercial, industrial, and housing for the remaining portion of
34 the twenty-year planning period used in the most recently adopted
35 comprehensive plan.

36 (4) If the evaluation required by subsection (3) of this section
37 demonstrates an inconsistency between what has occurred since the
38 adoption of the countywide planning policies and the county and city

1 comprehensive plans and development regulations and what was envisioned
2 in those policies and plans and the planning goals and the requirements
3 of this chapter, as the inconsistency relates to the evaluation factors
4 specified in subsection (3) of this section, the county and its cities
5 shall adopt and implement measures that are reasonably likely to
6 increase consistency during the subsequent five-year period. If
7 necessary, a county, in consultation with its cities as required by RCW
8 36.70A.210, shall adopt amendments to countywide planning policies to
9 increase consistency. The county and its cities shall annually monitor
10 the measures adopted under this subsection to determine their effect
11 and may revise or rescind them as appropriate.

12 (5)(a) Not later than July 1, 1998, the department shall prepare a
13 list of methods used by counties and cities in carrying out the types
14 of activities required by this section. The department shall provide
15 this information and appropriate technical assistance to counties and
16 cities required to or choosing to comply with the provisions of this
17 section.

18 (b) By December 31, 2007, the department shall submit to the
19 appropriate committees of the legislature a report analyzing the
20 effectiveness of the activities described in this section in achieving
21 the goals envisioned by the countywide planning policies and the
22 comprehensive plans and development regulations of the counties and
23 cities.

24 (6) From funds appropriated by the legislature for this purpose,
25 the department shall provide grants to counties, cities, and regional
26 planning organizations required under subsection (7) of this section to
27 conduct the review and perform the evaluation required by this section.

28 (7) The provisions of this section shall apply to counties, and the
29 cities within those counties, that were greater than one hundred fifty
30 thousand in population in 1995 as determined by office of financial
31 management population estimates and that are located west of the crest
32 of the Cascade mountain range. Any other county planning under RCW
33 36.70A.040 may carry out the review, evaluation, and amendment programs
34 and procedures as provided in this section."

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