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By Senators Haugen, Sheldon, Winsley, Hale, Wood and Long

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1 AN ACT Relating to standards for development regulations; and  
2 amending RCW 36.70A.172.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.70A.172 and 1995 c 347 s 105 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) In designating and protecting critical areas under this  
7 chapter, counties and cities shall (~~include the best available science~~  
8 ~~in developing~~) use scientific practices and standards that are  
9 currently accepted in the related professional fields to develop those  
10 policies and development regulations (~~to protect~~) that result in the  
11 protection of the functions and values of critical areas in a manner  
12 consistent with the minimum possible restriction on the use and  
13 enjoyment of private property. In addition, counties and cities shall  
14 give special consideration to conservation or protection measures  
15 necessary to preserve or enhance anadromous fisheries.

16 (2) If it determines that advice from scientific or other experts  
17 is necessary or will be of substantial assistance in reaching its  
18 decision, a growth management hearings board may retain scientific or

1 other expert advice to assist in reviewing a petition under RCW  
2 36.70A.290 that involves critical areas.

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