
SENATE BILL 6036

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By Senators Berkey and Mulliken

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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring a review of land use permitting
2 processes; and creating new sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the complexity of
5 land use permitting processes, when state and federal requirements and
6 permits are involved, presents coordination challenges to regulators,
7 project sponsors, interested parties, and other stakeholders. The
8 legislature also finds that simpler, better coordinated, and more
9 efficient land use permitting processes could better fulfill the intent
10 of state laws and local ordinances, promote economic development, and
11 also provide more certain environmental protections. The legislature
12 further finds that a review of the state and federal role in local land
13 use permitting processes is necessary for the legislature to be able to
14 originate and evaluate effective proposals for changes to permitting
15 processes.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The joint legislative audit and review
17 committee shall review how requirements and processes administered by

1 state and federal agencies affect local land use permitting processes,
2 in respect to redundancy, uncertainty, and delay.

3 For this review, the joint legislative audit and review committee
4 may use a representative sample of local jurisdictions. The committee
5 may compile and use any existing reviews, studies, analyses, and
6 proposals regarding this subject that in the committee's judgment are
7 relevant and reliable. The committee may also conduct additional
8 investigations, as it deems necessary.

9 The joint legislative audit and review committee shall issue a
10 report by January 1, 2006, that identifies how requirements and
11 processes administered by state and federal agencies affect local land
12 use permitting processes in respect to redundancy, uncertainty, and
13 delay, and the ways in which this redundancy, uncertainty, and delay
14 are being and could be eliminated by local, state, or federal action.

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