RCW 36.70A.470  Project review—Amendment suggestion procedure—
Definitions.  (1) Project review, which shall be conducted pursuant to
the provisions of chapter 36.70B RCW, shall be used to make individual
project decisions, not land use planning decisions. If, during project
review, a county or city planning under RCW 36.70A.040 identifies
deficiencies in plans or regulations:
   (a) The permitting process shall not be used as a comprehensive
       planning process;
   (b) Project review shall continue; and
   (c) The identified deficiencies shall be docketed for possible
       future plan or development regulation amendments.
(2) Each county and city planning under RCW 36.70A.040 shall
include in its development regulations a procedure for any interested
person, including applicants, citizens, hearing examiners, and staff
of other agencies, to suggest plan or development regulation
amendments. The suggested amendments shall be docketed and considered
on at least an annual basis, consistent with the provisions of RCW
36.70A.130.
(3) For purposes of this section, a deficiency in a comprehensive
plan or development regulation refers to the absence of required or
potentially desirable contents of a comprehensive plan or development
regulation. It does not refer to whether a development regulation
addresses a project's probable specific adverse environmental impacts
which the permitting agency could mitigate in the normal project
review process.
(4) For purposes of this section, docketing refers to compiling
and maintaining a list of suggested changes to the comprehensive plan
or development regulations in a manner that will ensure such suggested
changes will be considered by the county or city and will be available
for review by the public.  [1995 c 347 § 102.]

Findings—Intent—1995 c 347 § 102: "The legislature finds that
during project review, a county or city planning under RCW 36.70A.040
is likely to discover the need to make various improvements in
comprehensive plans and development regulations. There is no current
requirement or process for applicants, citizens, or agency staff to
ensure that these improvements are considered in the plan review
process. The legislature also finds that in the past environmental
review and permitting of proposed projects have been used to reopen
and make land use planning decisions that should have been made
through the comprehensive planning process, in part because agency
staff and hearing examiners have not been able to ensure consideration
of all issues in the local planning process. The legislature further
finds that, while plans and regulations should be improved and refined
over time, it is unfair to penalize applicants that have submitted
permit applications that meet current requirements. It is the intent
of the legislature in enacting RCW 36.70A.470 to establish a means by
which cities and counties will docket suggested plan or development
regulation amendments and ensure their consideration during the
planning process." [1995 c 347 § 101.]

Finding—1995 c 347: "The legislature recognizes by this act that
the growth management act is a fundamental building block of
regulatory reform. The state and local governments have invested
considerable resources in an act that should serve as the integrating
framework for all other land-use related laws. The growth management
act provides the means to effectively combine certainty for development decisions, reasonable environmental protection, long-range planning for cost-effective infrastructure, and orderly growth and development." [1995 c 347 § 1.]

Severability—1995 c 347: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1995 c 347 § 901.]

Part headings and table of contents not law—1995 c 347: "Part headings and the table of contents as used in this act do not constitute any part of the law." [1995 c 347 § 902.]