

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1620**

68th Legislature  
2023 Regular Session

Passed by the House February 9, 2023  
Yeas 97 Nays 0

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**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

Passed by the Senate March 31, 2023  
Yeas 47 Nays 1

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1620** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** House Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Fey and Morgan)

READ FIRST TIME 02/07/23.

1            AN ACT Relating to the number of inhabitants required for  
2 incorporation as a city or town; amending RCW 35.02.010 and  
3 35.02.010; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration  
4 date.

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

6            **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.02.010 and 1994 c 216 s 12 are each amended to  
7 read as follows:

8            Any contiguous area containing not less than (~~one thousand five~~  
9 hundred)) 1,500 inhabitants lying outside the limits of an  
10 incorporated city or town may become incorporated as a city or town  
11 operating under Title 35 or 35A RCW as provided in this chapter(~~+~~  
12 PROVIDED, That no area which lies within five air miles of the  
13 boundary of any city having a population of fifteen thousand or more  
14 shall be incorporated which contains less than three thousand  
15 inhabitants)).

16            **Sec. 2.** RCW 35.02.010 and 1994 c 216 s 12 are each amended to  
17 read as follows:

18            Any contiguous area containing not less than (~~one thousand five~~  
19 hundred)) 1,500 inhabitants lying outside the limits of an  
20 incorporated city or town may become incorporated as a city or town

1 operating under Title 35 or 35A RCW as provided in this chapter:  
2 PROVIDED, That no area which lies within five air miles of the  
3 boundary of any city having a population of (~~fifteen thousand~~)  
4 15,000 or more shall be incorporated which contains less than (~~three~~  
5 ~~thousand~~) 3,000 inhabitants.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Section 1 of this act expires June 30,  
7 2028.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Section 2 of this act takes effect June  
9 30, 2028.

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