

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SENATE BILL 5042**

67th Legislature  
2022 Regular Session

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Yeas 27 Nays 20

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**President of the Senate**

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**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5042** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**By** Senators Salomon, Billig, Kuderer, Lias, and Wilson, C.

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1 AN ACT Relating to the effective date of certain actions taken  
2 under the growth management act; adding a new section to chapter  
3 36.70A RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that climate change  
6 is one of the greatest challenges facing our state and the world  
7 today, an existential crisis with major negative impacts on  
8 environmental and human health. The legislature further finds that  
9 compact and responsibly planned development of residential and public  
10 facilities, intended under the growth management act, mitigates  
11 climate change through the efficient use of energy resources and the  
12 corresponding decrease in greenhouse gas production. This dense  
13 development and the concentration of growth in urban areas also  
14 prevents sprawl, lessening development's impact on natural resources,  
15 ecosystems, and habitats.

16 The legislature also finds that current legal frameworks work  
17 against the act's goal of responsibly planned for growth by  
18 prematurely allowing development rights to vest before the validity  
19 of plans and regulations can be determined. This flawed process has  
20 led to the approval of development that has decreased resource lands  
21 and placed a strain on local infrastructure services. Furthermore, it

1 makes it extremely difficult for local jurisdictions to come back  
2 into compliance with state laws and leaves citizens with no real  
3 remedy to undo these planning violations.

4 Therefore, the legislature intends to set the effective date of  
5 these impactful planning actions to a time that will allow for the  
6 thorough review of growth planning decisions intended under the act.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 36.70A  
8 RCW to read as follows:

9 The initial effective date of an action that expands an urban  
10 growth area designated under RCW 36.70A.110, removes the designation  
11 of agricultural, forest, or mineral resource lands designated under  
12 RCW 36.70A.170, creates or expands a limited area of more intensive  
13 rural development designated under RCW 36.70A.070(5)(d), establishes  
14 a new fully contained community under RCW 36.70A.350, or creates or  
15 expands a master planned resort designated under RCW 36.70A.360, is  
16 after the latest of the following dates:

17 (1) 60 days after the date of publication of notice of adoption  
18 of the comprehensive plan, development regulation, or amendment to  
19 the plan or regulation, implementing the action, as provided in RCW  
20 36.70A.290(2); or

21 (2) If a petition for review to the growth management hearings  
22 board is timely filed, upon issuance of the board's final order.

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