

2024 Legislative Session

The Ongoing Evolution of the GMA

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What today looks like



Larger
Issues
in Play

Bills
that
Passed

What's
in the
Budget?

Issues
Left on
the
Table

Looking
Ahead



Larger Issues in Play

- Housing
- The role of rural areas
- Evolving state and local relationship
- Where we are in the update process
- Cleanup from last session



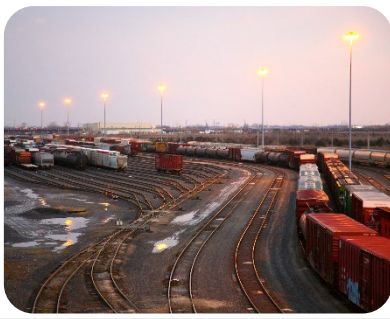
Bills that Passed

- ESHB 1998 - Co-living housing
- SHB 1351- Parking standards
- ESSB 6140 - LAMIRD businesses size threshold
- SSB 5834 - UGA net zero amendment procedures
- ESHB 2321 - Middle housing clarifications
- SHB 2296 - Update deadline extension
- HB 1042 – Commercial adaptive reuse
- HB 1105 - Public notice requirements



What's in the Budget

- 10 million additional funding for greenhouse gas reduction
- Additional funding for outreach and technical assistance for STEP housing
- Local Project Review grants
- Special Purpose District study



Issues Left on the Table

- Transit-oriented development
- Lot splitting
- Supportive and Emergency housing siting
- Rural areas
 - Rural ADU's
 - Agri-tourism
 - Rural housing affordability
- Neighborhood businesses in residential zones
- SEPA cat exemptions and notice provisions



Looking Ahead

- New governor & new legislature
- Building code for middle housing
- What will happen to the CCA
- WUI code reform
- Any leadership changes in from the election?
- Role of Special Purpose Districts
- Riparian habitat management reform
- Department of Housing



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What's New from Commerce

Upcoming Grant Opportunities

- **Salmon recovery**
 - Integrate salmon recovery plans
 - Monitoring and adaptive management
 - Addressing unregulated and unpermitted activity
- **Community-based organization capacity building**
- **Local Project Review**
 - Consolidated permit review to expedite or streamline residential permits
 - Transitioning from paper to digital permit platforms

Upcoming Guidance Products

- **Housing guidance**
 - Co-living housing guidance (implementing HB 1998)
 - STEP housing model ordinance
- **Rural element guidebook update**
- **Urban Growth Area guidebook update**
- **Local Project Review guidebook**



Thank you!

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