
HOUSE BILL 1401

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1 AN ACT Relating to cities and counties creating a simple,
2 standardized housing permit process for affordable housing units in
3 areas designated for housing; and adding a new section to chapter
4 36.70A RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 36.70A
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) All cities and counties may adopt development regulations
9 that create a simple, low cost, expedited permit process for
10 development of single-family, duplex, triplex, or accessory dwelling
11 housing units with less than 1,801 square feet per unit for property
12 situated within cities or urban growth areas in locations designated
13 for residential housing. This process should make it easy for an
14 applicant to be able to submit and receive approval for all permits
15 required to build housing units. The expedited process should lower
16 costs and simplify the building of housing units tailored to be
17 priced for extremely low-income, low-income, or moderate-income
18 households.

19 (2) Cities and counties that adopt an expedited permitting
20 process under this section must count the number of housing units
21 built pursuant to the process and report the amount to the department

1 by March 30th of the following year. The reported information is to
2 include all housing units completed for occupancy from January 1st to
3 December 31st.

4 (3) The department must post a report on its website detailing
5 the total number of housing units built as reported by the cities and
6 counties by June 30th of the year the data is provided by the cities
7 and counties. The website must be updated at least annually with the
8 most recent information.

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