
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5380

State of Washington

67th Legislature

2021 Regular Session

By Senate Business, Financial Services & Trade (originally sponsored by Senator Fortunato)

1 AN ACT Relating to approval of building permits; and creating a
2 new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The department of commerce, through a
5 contract with a consultant with experience in local project review
6 and permitting, must develop options for streamlining the local
7 government project review and permitting process under chapter 36.70B
8 RCW. The department of commerce must develop those options by
9 utilizing appropriate public participation by affected stakeholders
10 in the review of the local project review and permitting process
11 including commercial and residential builders, realtors, cities,
12 counties, and environmental groups. The evaluation must include a
13 report of existing actual permit timelines including the number of
14 consecutive calendar days between the first permit submission and
15 final permit decision and options for reducing consecutive calendar
16 days for issuing permits. The department of commerce must submit a
17 final report with recommendations for streamlining the local
18 government project review and permitting process to the appropriate
19 committees of the legislature by December 1, 2021.

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