AN ACT Relating to state economic policy; and adding a new chapter to Title 43 RCW.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. The purpose of this chapter is to assert that it is the intent of the legislature that economic values are given appropriate consideration along with environmental, social, health, and safety considerations in the promulgation of rules by state and local government.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. All state agencies and local government entities with rule-making authority under state law or local ordinance shall adopt methods and procedures which will insure that economic values will be given appropriate consideration in the rule-making process along with environmental, social, health, and safety considerations.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. Nothing in this chapter shall in any way affect the specific statutory obligations of any agency:

(1) To comply with environmental, social, health, safety, or other standards prescribed by law;

(2) To coordinate or consult with any other public agency; or

(3) To act, or refrain from acting, where required by law, upon the recommendations or certification of another public agency.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. If any provision of this act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. Sections 1 through 4 of this act shall constitute a new chapter in Title 43 RCW.

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