

CHAPTER 161.

[S. B. 313.]

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT—LOCAL AREA PLANNING
AND DEVELOPMENT.

AN Act relating to the state department of commerce and economic development; amending chapter 215, Laws of 1957 and chapter 43.31 RCW by adding four new sections thereto; and repealing sections 1 and 2, chapter 157, Laws of 1957, and RCW 43.21.181 and 43.21.183.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 215, Laws of 1957 and to chapter 43.31 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The department of commerce and economic development, through its appropriate division, shall have the responsibility for studying the following matters and for submitting its findings and recommendations to the governor and legislature:

(1) Legal changes necessary for the establishment of adequate metropolitan and local levels of government;

(2) The various methods of adopting forms of government for metropolitan areas;

(3) Voting procedures to be employed if local determination is used as the method of adoption;

(4) The need for adjustments in area, organization, functions and finance of reorganized governments;

(5) Interstate areas that include a part of the territory of this state;

(6) State advisory and technical services and administrative supervision to governments in local areas;

(7) The effects upon local areas of present and proposed national, state and local government programs, including but not limited to grants-in-aid;

(8) The means of facilitating greater coordination of existing and contemplated policies of the national, state and local governments and of private associations and individuals that affect local areas;

(9) The legal changes that are necessary for the establishment of metropolitan target zone authorities adequate for civil defense purposes, and the measure required for the organization and operation of such authorities.

New section.

SEC. 2. There is added to chapter 215, Laws of 1957 and to chapter 43.31 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Department of commerce and economic development—
Planning services.

The department of commerce and economic development, through the appropriate division, in order to facilitate municipal, urban, metropolitan and regional planning, and to encourage such areas to maintain a continuing and adequate program for planning shall serve generally as a consultative, coordinating and advisory agency for aiding such planning bodies, directly, or in securing planning assistance, consultative services and technical aid which may include surveys, land use, demographic and economic studies, comprehensive plans, urban renewal plans and other plans. The department through the division, shall serve generally as a consultative, coordinating and advisory agency for state departments or agencies for planning and shall be responsible for the preparation of a state comprehensive plan. The director shall employ competent, qualified, technical personnel and such other personnel as may be required to administer this amendatory act.

New section.

SEC. 3. There is added to chapter 215, Laws of 1957 and to chapter 43.31 RCW a new section to read as follows:

—Grants, etc.—Rules, regulations.

The director, through the appropriate division, may accept contributions, grants, or other financial assistance from the government of the United States

for, or in aid of, any planning program. The director shall promulgate such rules and regulations, in accordance with the procedures set forth in chapter 34.04 RCW, enter into such agreements, prescribe such conditions, perform such other lawful act as may be necessary to secure the financial aid and cooperation of the government of the United States and local planning bodies to implement any planning program.

SEC. 4. There is added to chapter 215, Laws of 1957 and to chapter 43.31 RCW a new section to read as follows: New section.

The powers conferred by sections 2 and 3 of this amendatory act are in addition and supplemental to the powers conferred by any other state or local law, and nothing herein contained shall be construed as limiting or restricting any other powers of the department, the state, or any political subdivision thereof. Powers herein, supplemental.

SEC. 5. Sections 1 and 2, chapter 157, Laws of 1957, and RCW 43.21.181 and 43.21.183 are each repealed. Repeal.

Passed the Senate February 27, 1963.

Passed the House March 12, 1963.

Approved by the Governor March 25, 1963.