

The construction of or existence of water supply capacity in excess of the needs of the density allowed by zoning shall not be grounds for any legal challenge to any zoning decision by the county.

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CHAPTER 214

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 4559]

FORMS REDUCTION ACT

AN ACT Relating to forms management; adding new sections to chapter 43.41 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. This act may be known and cited as the forms reduction act of 1982.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The legislature finds that the functioning of state government, business, and individual activities is becoming increasingly more cumbersome as the number, length, and complexity of forms increase and that the forms burden imposed by the state can be a hindrance to the citizens of the state and can add to the costs of products and services. Eliminating unnecessary forms will simplify paperwork, increase efficiency, effect productivity improvements, and reduce costs related to the amount of time individuals and businesses are required to take to complete various forms and to the procurement, printing, storage, use, and distribution of forms.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout sections 4 through 7 of this act.

(1) "State agency" or "agency" means and is limited to each of the following: the department of licensing, the department of labor and industries and the department of revenue.

(2) "Form" means a printed document providing entry space for variable information.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. (1) By July 30, 1983, and by July 30 of each even-numbered year thereafter, each state agency shall report the following information to the office of financial management for the previous fiscal year ending on June 30:

(a) The estimated total number of hours required to fill out each form; and

(b) The estimated number of people filling out each form.

(2) The product of the numbers provided under (a) of subsection (1) of this section multiplied by the numbers provided under (b) of subsection (1) of this section constitutes the form burden for each form.

(3) The sum of all the products in subsection (2) of this section for each agency constitutes the agency's form burden for that fiscal year.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. (1) For the fiscal year ending on June 30, 1984, each agency shall satisfy the director that it has reduced by fifteen percent its form burden that it had for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 1983. The director of financial management may specifically waive this requirement for an agency if necessary for the efficient and effective administration of the agency and the carrying out of its duties.

(2) An agency's form burden established under subsection (1) of this section for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 1984, shall not be increased except with the specific authorization of the director after a finding by the director that the increase is necessary for the efficient and effective administration of the agency and the carrying out of its duties.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. The director shall adopt rules governing the reports required under section 4 of this act. The director shall review each report to determine whether it is an accurate estimate of the agency's form burden. By November 1, 1983, and by November 1 of each even-numbered year thereafter, the director shall provide a report to the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate showing the agencies, if any, which have not complied with sections 2 through 5 of this act and shall report each agency's form burden and the total state-wide form burden.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. The director of financial management shall place one-half of one percent of all funds appropriated to an agency in reserve if the agency does not comply with section 5(1) of this act. The director shall hold such funds in reserve until the agency complies or the appropriation expires.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. Sections 2 through 8 of this act shall expire on June 30, 1987, unless extended by law for an additional fixed period of time.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. Sections 2 through 8 of this act are each added to chapter 43.41 RCW.

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