



Earth Ministry/WAIPPL's 2023 Legislative Priorities

Growth Management Act (GMA) Updates

The GMA requires cities and counties to develop comprehensive plans that account for the needs of a local area and impact policies, zoning, and more. It was made in 1990 and now covers 13 elements, or issue areas, that a city/county must plan for like housing, transportation, and land use. We want to see it expanded to care for our climate and communities.

Climate: HB 1181 / SB 5203

- Requires counties/cities to address resilience and climate change in land use plans.
- Reduces vehicle miles traveled by updating the transportation element to include transit and bike/pedestrian planning.

Environmental Justice: SB 5651

Requires counties/cities to:

- Identify and plan for the reduction and prevention of environmental and health disparities
- Identify and prioritize vulnerable populations and overburdened communities for environmental benefits
- Align local planning with state environmental justice in the Healthy Environment for All (HEAL) Act
- Embed equity and environmental justice across all other elements in the Growth Management Act and make specific efforts to involve and collaborate with frontline communities.

WA Recycling and Packaging Act (WRAP Act): SB 5154 / HB 1131

- Requires consumer product producers to fund statewide residential recycling services for packaging and paper products.
- Places graduated fees on packaging manufacturers based on products' ability to be reused, composted, or recycled.
- Fees will be used to fund improvements in infrastructure, provide uniform access for residents across the state, and create a clear list of what people can recycle.
- Establishes beverage container deposit return system.

Toxic-Free Cosmetics Act: HB 1047

- Bans hazardous chemicals, including PFAS, phthalates, formaldehyde, and lead in cosmetics and personal care products by 2025.
- Fills important gaps in information on the hazards of chemicals used in cosmetics.
- Provides incentives for small businesses to make safer cosmetics.

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