

2026 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



SUBDIVISION REFORM & STREAMLINING

Modernize subdivision laws by clarifying and defining pre-application meetings, requiring administrative approval of plats within UGAs, and encouraging concurrent review of plats and construction plans. These reforms will cut review times, reduce builder risk and costs, free up staff resources, and expand infill housing opportunities. (SB 5633)



CLEAR & OBJECTIVE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

Ensure local development regulations are clear, objective, and free from subjective interpretation. This creates faster, more predictable, and less costly permit approvals. (SB 5613)



SELF CERTIFICATION & REVIEW CYCLES

Allow licensed professionals to self-certify code compliance and avoid redundant third-party reviews. Cap project reviews at three cycles when requirements are met, preventing costly delays. (SB 5729)



RURAL ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS (ADUs)

Streamline permitting for ADUs in rural areas to expand housing choices, support multigenerational households, and strengthen rural communities. (HB 1345; SB 5470)



BUILDING CODE PAUSE

Pause frequent building code updates. Reducing regulatory churn will stabilize costs and improve housing affordability. (HB 2141)



OPPOSE INCREASES TO FEES, TAXES, & HOUSING COSTS

Reject policies that raise housing costs through higher fees or taxes. Washington needs more homes people can afford—not added expenses that put homeownership further out of reach.



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