



American Planning Association  
**Washington Chapter**

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Representative Ormsby, Chair, House Appropriations, and members of the committee,

The Washington State Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA Washington) respectfully submits comments **in support of Substitute Senate Bill 1099**, which would incorporate climate considerations into the state's planning framework.

Washington needs to act. Reducing our carbon footprint is a moral obligation to future generations as well as a wise investment in resiliency and the state's economy. Preparing for a warming world is also an unfortunate necessity.

We have reviewed the substitute bill and the associated fiscal note and agree that the work by local governments and state agencies that would be initiated by the bill is crucial to our health, economy, and sustainability, and is simply overdue. The fiscal note identifies a substantial price tag for this work, but the cost of delay or inaction will surely be greater.

APA Washington is a 1,400 member association of public and private sector professional planners, planning commissioners and elected officials, among others. We work every day to implement the state's growth management and planning framework and appreciate the opportunity to provide information that will help improve it for all Washingtonians.

We would be happy to provide additional information or answer any questions you may have at this point, or further in the trajectory of this bill. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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