Summary of Local Project Review Act Requirements (RCW 36.70B)

Goal: To better enable citizens, developers and agencies with jurisdiction to know what to expect from the local permit process and to provide for more timely and efficient issuance of permits.

Standard for Project Review:

- 1. The application's consistency with adopted development regulations.
- 2. Environmental review under SEPA to analyze any significant environmental impacts not addressed by development regulations.

Project Review Process:

- Combine environmental review (SEPA) with project permit review.
- Provide consolidated review of multiple permits that may be required for a single project.
- Allow not more than one open record hearing and one closed record appeal hearing.
- Notify applicant whether application is complete within 28 days.
- Notify the public and other agencies of receipt of a complete application within 14 days.
- Provide public comment period on a complete application for a period of 14-30 days.
- Issue notice of final decision within 120 days, unless notify applicant more information is needed.

Final decision:

- 1. If project is consistent with development regulations and no additional significant environmental impacts, the project must be approved.
- 2. If project is not completely consistent with development regulations, and/or additional significant environmental impacts identified, it can be conditioned to make it consistent or it can be denied.