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PROGRAMMATIC DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of Proposal: Ordinance related to updating the Countywide Planning Policies to include housing allocations. In 2021, under County Ordinance #601-2021, the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners adopted updates to the Countywide Planning Policies (CPP). These CPP's were developed by the Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council (KRCC) consistent with the Puget Sound Regional Council's (PSRC) Vision 2050 and with state law changes that occurred since the CPP's were last updated in 2015. Those revisions were reviewed by several technical and policy committees as a first step towards the changes needed in advance of the 2024 Comprehensive Plan update.

The current CPP update includes evaluation and adoption of a new appendix that includes Housing Allocations (Appendix F) through 2044. The allocations are a response to new state legislation (HB 1220) and changes to the Growth Management Act (GMA) that require counties to "provide for and accommodate" housing affordable to all income levels. This is a stronger and more detailed requirement than the former goal of encouraging affordable housing. These housing allocations were adopted by the KRCC on June 6, 2023, and now need to be adopted by the Kitsap County Board of County Commissioners prior to being effective.

This non-project action:

- Provides the capacity for increased housing units for all jurisdictions within Kitsap County.
- Removes barriers to developing a variety of types of housing.
- Identifies housing units needed for each income level, as defined by the percentage of Area Median Income (AMI).

Proponent: Kitsap County Department of Community Development

Lead Agency: Kitsap County

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: The addition of housing allocations to the CPP is a county-wide non-project action and includes the incorporated cities within Kitsap County, as well as the unincorporated areas within Kitsap County with exception of tribal and military land.

The lead agency for this programmatic proposal has determined that the Ordinance does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. Accordingly, an environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This programmatic DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2) and is not administratively appealable under chapter 21.04 KCC. The lead agency has extended the 14-day comment period through January 31, 2024. The project contact is Colin Poff cpoff@kitsap.gov.

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