

RCW 36.70A.140**Comprehensive plans—Ensure public participation.**

Each county and city that is required or chooses to plan under RCW **36.70A.040** shall establish and broadly disseminate to the public a public participation program identifying procedures providing for early and continuous public participation in the development and amendment of comprehensive land use plans and development regulations implementing such plans. The procedures shall provide for broad dissemination of proposals and alternatives, opportunity for written comments, public meetings after effective notice, provision for open discussion, communication programs, information services, and consideration of and response to public comments. In enacting legislation in response to the board's decision pursuant to RCW **36.70A.300** declaring part or all of a comprehensive plan or development regulation invalid, the county or city shall provide for public participation that is appropriate and effective under the circumstances presented by the board's order. Errors in exact compliance with the established program and procedures shall not render the comprehensive land use plan or development regulations invalid if the spirit of the program and procedures is observed.

[**1995 c 347 § 107; 1990 1st ex.s. c 17 § 14.**]

NOTES:

Finding—Severability—Part headings and table of contents not law—1995 c 347: See notes following RCW **36.70A.470**.