

# Skagit County Planning Commission

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# Pre Development Meetings Related to Agricultural Tourism 2021

## May 2021

- ▶ Garden Path Proposal
- ▶ Chuck a Nut Bay Distillery Proposal

## March 2021

- ▶ 800 square foot farm stand Proposal

Recent Large Scale Investment: Westland Distillery – (At the Port).

Existing Craft Distilleries: Samish Bay/Golden Distillery.





# Legislative Updates

## GMA Updates

- ▶ **HB 1099** Climate Change – would have added mandatory – two sections – budget next two year model elements that county and cities can adopt
- ▶ **HB 1117** – did not pass – Rep. Lekanoff's Bill – ecological gain (net) proviso - looking at this for **OFM** what would be the impact....going forward into this year so it is under study.
- ▶ **HB 1241** Update comprehensive plan cycle part of a package that was being discussed – it did not pass part of a group of bills that did not pass.
- ▶ **SB 5368** Annexation Reform/Rural Economic Development – one of things it does is gives the county a new tool inter-local agreements between City and County – advances the annexation in these cases without a vote.
- ▶ **Legislative Task Force** – GMA task force for GMA improvements – County seats on the task force for the Commissioners to participate in these efforts. This is the third year in a row.





# Housing

- ▶ [E2SHB 1220](#) that passed at the last minute last week. Governor signed it into law, This Updates the housing goals of the Growth Management Act (GMA) to include planning for and accommodating affordable housing.
- ▶ Requires GMA jurisdictions to address moderate, low, very low, and extremely low-income housing, moderate density housing options, and racially disparate impacts and displacement in the housing element of the comprehensive plan.
- ▶ Prohibits a city from preventing transitional housing or permanent supportive housing in zones where residential dwelling units or hotels are allowed, and from preventing indoor emergency shelters and indoor emergency housing in zones where hotels are allowed unless the city has an ordinance authorizing such shelters and housing in a majority of zones within 1 mile of transit.
- ▶ Directs GMA jurisdictions to consider certain policies that encourage the construction of accessory dwelling units to meet affordable housing goals.





# Other Legislation

## Updates/Related to Planning

- ▶ \$80,000 earmarked to continue to look at the Guemes Island Aquifer Recharge Efforts
- ▶ \$800,000 for fourth floor Courthouse – part of a much larger funding effort for courthouse updating/capital planning.
- ▶ DigGwalic Wellness Center - including transitional housing needs received about 50 percent (\$4.5 Million) of what they requested (million). I believe this is planned to go at the old Drive In Theater Site in Anacortes.





# Follow Up

- ▶ **Shorelines Public Information Meeting**
  - ▶ May 27th at 6:00 Pm
  - ▶ [www.skagitsmpopenhouse.com](http://www.skagitsmpopenhouse.com)
  
- ▶ **Next Meeting June 15, 2021**
  - ▶ Meeting with Board, Review of SMP Comments

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