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MEMORANDUM

To: Planning Commission
From: David Goodman, Senior Planner
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Subject: Legislative Session Overview

Background

The Washington State Legislature recently completed its 2023 session, which included passage of several significant bills related to local planning that may have direct or indirect impacts on the City of Snoqualmie. Staff is working on a full analysis of the legislation but sought to take the opportunity to alert the Planning Commission to several notable bills that passed, including:

- HB 1337 – Requires cities to allow at least two accessory dwelling units (ADU) on all lots that otherwise allow for single-family homes; cities may not require the owner of a lot on which there is an ADU to reside in or occupy the ADU or the primary home.
- HB 1110 – Requires cities of more than 75,000 people to allow duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes throughout all residential zones; cities of 25,000 to 75,000 and cities with a population of less than 25,000 that are within a contiguous urban growth area must allow duplexes throughout all residential zones. Snoqualmie is exempt from this requirement because it is not within a contiguous urban growth area.
- HB 1293 - Counties and cities may apply in any design review process only clear and objective development regulations governing the exterior design of new development; does not apply to development regulations that apply only to designated landmarks or historic districts established under a local preservation ordinance. No design review process may include more than one public meeting.

Staff will return to the Planning Commission at the beginning of the 3rd Quarter of 2023 with any further analysis if needed to identify impacts of these bills on the City of Snoqualmie.