74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session **MEASURE: HB 2960 CARRIER:**

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee on Energy and the Environment

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

Action: Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Vote: 4 - 1 - 2

> Cannon, Macpherson, Smith G., Dingfelder Yeas:

Navs: Burley

Beyer, Jenson Exc.:

Cat McGinnis, Administrator **Prepared By:**

Meeting Dates: 4/9, 4/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Land Conservation and Development Commission (DLCD), within two years of the effective date, to make a report and recommendations to the appropriate legislative committee regarding whether the Legislature should designate Portland's Forest Park, including the Balch Creek watershed and the area of influence, as an area of critical state concern. Defines area of influence. Specifies content of report. Directs DLCD to involve stakeholders in review process and to provide grants to offset costs of local government assistance in the review process.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact on DLCD
- Definition of "area of critical state concern"

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Forest Park is a 5,000 acre forested park in the west hills of Portland. It is owned by the City of Portland and managed by the Recreation Natural Resources Division.