

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 7 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Boquist, Clem, Dingfelder, Macpherson, Maurer, Smith P., Roblan
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 4/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Removes water control districts from the list of districts automatically extinguished when the entire area of a district is incorporated or annexed by city.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Role of water control districts
- Effect of annexation of district territory on water rights
- Contracts between districts and patrons

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: A water control district may be created under ORS Chapter 553 for the purpose of acquiring, purchasing, constructing, improving, operating and maintaining drainage, irrigation, and flood and surface water control works. HB 3291 removes water control districts from the list of other special districts that are extinguished when the entire service area of the district is incorporated or annexed into a city. Typically, when a special district is annexed or incorporated, the city already provides the services and there is no need for two service providers. In the case of water control districts, the canals, ditches and other associated water works are not provided by the city and the need for the district's services continues. HB 3291 establishes that a water control district is not automatically extinguished when its territory is annexed or incorporated.