

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 3 - 2 - 0

Yeas: Johnson, Monnes Anderson, Brown

Nays: Ferrioli, Nelson

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Meeting Dates: 5/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes legislative findings relating to the Metolius River Basin. Prohibits siting of destination resort in or within three miles of the Metolius River Basin except under certain circumstances. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Unique nature of the Metolius River Basin
- Land use zoning in the basin
- Impact of the measure on land use planning in the area

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Establishes legislative findings relating to the Metolius River Basin. Prohibits siting of a destination resort in or within three miles of the Metolius River Basin except under certain circumstances.

BACKGROUND: The Metolius River Basin is located in Jefferson County, west of Sisters. It percolates underground through lava and emerges from springs at the base of Black Butte. The Metolius' name comes from the Warm Springs Indian Mpto-ly-as, "white fish." Although the light-colored salmon that prompted this name are gone, introduced kokanee salmon and hatchery trout attract eagles, bears and fly fishermen. In 1990, the U.S. Forest Service established an 86,000-acre conservation area to protect the basin's forests and waterways.

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