

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Kruse, Metsger, Morse, Westlund, Walker
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 3/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Grants metropolitan service district jurisdiction over boundary changes within district boundaries. Eliminates process for contested boundary changes. Requires metropolitan service district to establish criteria for boundary changes, boundary change hearing and notification process, and uncontested boundary change process.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Alternative appeal process offered through Land Use Board of Appeals
- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The duties of the Metropolitan Boundary Commission became the responsibility of the cities and counties in 1999. Since that time, Metro has provided boundary change mapping and maintenance services for the region's cities and special districts. For districts affected by boundary changes, the Metro Boundary Appeals Commission (BAC) conducts somewhat informal appeals as an alternative for appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA). This bill would do away with the BAC which, until recently, had been used infrequently. However, due to a LUBA ruling that appeals must go through the BAC before being heard by LUBA, this process is now a prerequisite for appeals to LUBA. Appealing parties now view the BAC process as an unwanted and sometimes costly extra step in appealing boundary change decisions. Additionally, the BAC is comprised of laypeople who may not have the expertise that LUBA would in resolving contested boundary changes.