

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

**Vote:** 3 - 2 - 0

**Yeas:** Bates, Prozanski, Avakian

**Nays:** Atkinson, Beyer

**Exc.:** 0

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/10, 4/26

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Authorizes counties and metropolitan service districts to create a process to designate rural reserves not included in urban growth boundaries or rural communities. Modifies the process for designating urban reserves. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Contentious nature of urban growth boundary planning decisions
- Preservation of agricultural lands
- Anticipated growth in the Portland metropolitan region
- Siting industrial lands
- Whether to allow an exception for one region of the state
- Ability to develop new urban growth areas

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Clarifies language and intent of the measure. Clarifies respective roles of the district and a county in the process.

**BACKGROUND:** The Portland region is expected to grow by more than one million people over the next 25 years. It is anticipated that to accommodate this growth the existing urban growth boundary (UGB) will need to expand. Proponents of Senate Bill 1011-A seek to create a process to designate rural reserves that they believe would provide greater long term protection for agriculture and forest industries and important natural landscape features by determining the likely locations where future urban development is likely or unlikely to occur.

Senate Bill 1011-A allows a county and a metropolitan service district to enter into agreements to designate rural reserves. The bill specifies criteria for designating rural reserves. Designated rural reserve land must be outside the current UGB and cannot be designated as an urban reserve for 20 years after the most recent determination of a 20-year period supply of buildable land. The measure provides a concurrent process for a county and district to designate rural reserves. Additional criteria for identifying urban reserves include the ability to develop appropriate urban densities and to efficiently use existing and future public infrastructure. Senate Bill 1011-A directs the Land Conservation and Development Commission to adopt by goal or rule a process for designating rural reserves and urban reserves.

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