

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass with Amendments to the A-Eng. Measure (Printed B-Eng.)

Vote: 3 - 2 - 0

Yeas: Hass, Prozanski, Dingfelder

Nays: Atkinson, Boquist

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 5/7, 5/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes Land Conservation Development Commission (Commission) to study state's destination resort policies and update requirements through amendment of statewide land use planning goals or adoption of administrative rules. Specifies in order to qualify as destination resort a proposed development must: satisfy requirements of goal relating to recreational needs, rules implemented by goals, and have its primary use be providing visitor-oriented overnight accommodations. Removes some detailed requirements from statute duplicated in Commission's statewide planning Goal 8. Specifies that counties cannot map lands as eligible for destination resort on a site within an irrigation district if irrigation district governing body files a written objection to county. Requires destination resort to avoid or mitigate direct and indirect adverse effects on transportation, provide for adequate fire-fighting services, and workforce housing.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Limit on non-overnight lodging
- Eastern Oregon's economy
- Original intent of destination resort statute was to draw new economic activity
- Potential conflicts with agriculture infrastructure and practices
- Increased fire protection costs and risks to the public

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Prohibits county from mapping land as eligible for a destination resort on a site within an irrigation district if irrigation district governing body files a written objection. Requires a county to develop a process for concurrently collecting and processing amendments to the county's map of eligible lands.

BACKGROUND: In 1984, the Commission adopted provisions of a goal relating to recreational needs that allowed for the siting of destination resorts outside urban growth boundaries. In 1987, provisions of the goals were enacted into law. Destination resorts were originally authorized to encourage tourism.