SENATE MINORITY REPORT AMENDMENTS TO A-ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 2227

June 12

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31 32 A minority of your Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, to whom was referred A-engrossed House Bill 2227, having had the same under consideration, respectfully reports it back with the recommendation that it do pass with the following amendments:

On page 1 of the printed A-engrossed bill, line 2, after "resorts" insert a period and delete the rest of the line.

Delete line 3 and insert:

4 "Whereas in January 2006, a Jefferson County advisory group formed to discuss destination re-5 sort mapping and began their local county process; and

"Whereas the public process commenced in March 2006, when numerous public meetings were held in Madras, Crooked River Ranch and Camp Sherman to discuss the siting of destination resorts within the county; and

"Whereas the Jefferson County Commissioners approved a map of eligible lands for destination resort siting on December 21, 2006; and

"Whereas on January 17, 2007, Jefferson County's decision was appealed to the Land Use Board of Appeals; and

"Whereas on December 19, 2008, Governor Kulongoski submitted a letter to the Land Conservation and Development Commission requesting that the commission work toward designating the Metolius River Basin as an area of critical state concern; and

"Whereas on February 11 and 12, 2009, public hearings were held in Deschutes County and in Jefferson County to discuss the process for designating an area of critical state concern; and

"Whereas on March 11, 2009, the Land Conservation and Development Commission held a public hearing in Madras; and

"Whereas on March 24, 2009, the Land Conservation and Development Commission approved a recommendation that the Legislative Assembly establish an area of critical state concern; and

"Whereas on April 1, 2009, Jefferson County voted to initiate a lawsuit against the Land Conservation and Development Commission, requesting a judicial review of the area of critical state concern process; and

"Whereas Jefferson County has been battling the State of Oregon in defending the mapping of land as eligible for destination resorts; and

"Whereas as of May 2009, the Jefferson County unemployment rate is 16.6 percent; and

"Whereas destination resorts encourage and promote tourism, create jobs and provide economic growth and stability across local regions and the state; now, therefore,".

Delete lines 5 through 26 and delete pages 2 through 7 and insert:

"SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2009 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 197.435 to 197.467.

1	"SECTION 2. (1) The Legislative Assembly finds:
2	"(a) It is the policy of this state to promote Oregon as a vacation destination and to en-
3	courage tourism as a valuable segment of our state's economy and our communities' local
4	economies.
5	"(b) There is an economic benefit for counties that provide year-round destination resort
6	accommodations to attract visitors and encourage them to stay longer.
7	"(c) Destination resorts are a critical planning tool to assist local communities in ad-
8	dressing high rates of unemployment.
9	"(2) Subject to the requirements of ORS 197.435 to 197.467, a county has authority to site
10	destination resorts within the boundaries of the county.
11	"(3) A county may approve siting a destination resort on land within an area designated
12	as an area of critical state concern if the county included the land on a map of eligible lands
13	before the Legislative Assembly designated the area of critical state concern.".
14	/s/ Brian Boquist
15	Senator
16	/s/ Jason Atkinson
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