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WHAT THE BILL DOES: Permits urban renewal plans to include construction and reconstruction of public schools. Allows a large metropolitan urban renewal plan to add noncontiguous lands to its urban renewal area under certain conditions. Takes effect on the 91st day following the adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Constitution allows the Legislature to set up a system to finance urban renewal. Oregon Revised Statute Chapter 457 describes how the system works. This law gives each city and county the ability to activate an urban renewal agency with power to propose and act on plans and projects to remove "blight." Examples of blight include buildings that are unsafe or unfit for occupancy or the existence of inadequate streets. The area where the work is to be done is known as a "plan area." An urban renewal agency is activated when the city or county governing body declares by ordinance that a blighted area exists in the city or county and there is a need for an urban renewal agency to function in the area. Most urban renewal plans are funded substantially from portions taken out of local government property tax levies (division of tax revenue). (Source: http://www.oregon.gov/DOR/PTD/IC_504_623.shtml, Oregon Department of Revenue)