

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
Vote:	9 - 1 - 0
Yeas:	Garrett, Hicks, Nolan, Olson, Schaufler, Wand, Whisnant, Barker, Krieger
Nays:	Tomei
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/19, 4/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows Jackson, Josephine and Douglas counties to petition Land Conservation Development Commission (the Commission) to establish definitions of “agricultural land” or “forest land” for purposes of statewide land use planning goals. Requires intergovernmental agreement between the counties prior to petition. Establishes petition requirements and process. Requires Commission conduct at least one public hearing in each county affected by petition. Requires Commission to consider certain factors. Permits concerned county to amend comprehensive plan and zoning map designations. Appropriates \$350,000 from General Fund to Commission for biennium beginning July 1, 2011, for grant distribution to Jackson, Josephine and Douglas counties. Requires Commission to select up to two additional regions for biennium beginning July 1, 2013, upon petition from adjoining counties, for which to consider establishing regional definitions.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: The Legislative Assembly passed Senate Bill 100 in 1973 establishing the Land Conservation and Development Commission to adopt state land use goals, and the Department of Land Conservation and Development (the Department) to assist the Commission and local governments with implementation. Senate Bill 100 also directed local governments to adopt and implement comprehensive plans in accordance with the state-wide goals. Comprehensive plans include various land inventories and technical information, along with plan policies and implementation measures. Some original land designations in these local comprehensive plans are characterized as “mapping errors.”

Oregon law currently provides a process that allows counties to undertake correction of mapping errors and to amend their respective comprehensive plans. In 2009, the Legislative Assembly also passed House Bill 2229 to clarify an existing regional process, available at the request of at least one county and one other local government. House Bill 3615 A establishes yet another method for counties to address mapping errors.