## 76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee on Environment & Natural Resources

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

**Action:** Do Pass **Vote:** 5 - 0 - 0

**Yeas:** Hass, Olsen, Prozanski, Thomsen, Dingfelder

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/22

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Authorizes division of land in exclusive farm use zone to create parcel smaller than minimum lot or parcel for fire service facilities that provide rural fire protection service. Authorizes governing body to establish other criteria it considers necessary. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

**MEASURE: SB 640** 

CARRIER: Sen. Girod

Sen. Thomsen

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Aurora Rural Fire Protection District plans to build central fire station and training facility
- Current law would require purchase of entire 59 acre farm; only 10 acres are needed for fire facility

## **EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The Aurora Rural Fire Protection District would like to build a central fire station and training facility east of the I-5 exit in Donald, Oregon. Current law allows the use of land in an exclusive farm use zone for fire facilities providing rural fire protection services, but not the partitioning of that land. Senate Bill 640 authorizes a county to approve a land division provided it finds that the parcel is not larger than the minimum necessary for the use.