76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2012 Regular Session MEASURE: SB 1544 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Sen. Telfer Senate Committee on Business, Transportation & Economic Development Sen. Bever

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 6 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Atkinson, Burdick, Edwards, Girod, Starr, Beyer

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/2, 2/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Specifies that a designated 465-acre site within the City of Redmond may be subject to revision of the Redmond Comprehensive Plan and Zone Map without determining whether the change will have a significant effect on existing or planned transportation facilities. Outlines requirements for zoning designation of site if Comprehensive Plan changes are adopted. Directs the City of Redmond and Department of Transportation to enter into an agreement to address transportation impacts and outlines requirements for that agreement. Establishes a sunset date of January 2, 2015. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of Redmond tract
- Need for jobs and economic development in Redmond and central Oregon
- Prohibitive cost of compliance with Transportation Planning Rule in this instance
- No statewide applicability or precedent anticipated

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the original measure.

BACKGROUND: The City of Redmond reports that it has experienced an extended period of high unemployment between 12 percent and 15 percent, and that access to additional developable industrial land would benefit the community by providing an opportunity to attract additional jobs and economic development to the region. The city has identified a 465-acre tract of land within its urban growth boundary as a potential developable property, which had previously been zoned industrial but was zoned as open space park reserve in 1980. Re-zoning the property for development is complicated; however, by State Land Use Goal 12, also known as the Transportation Planning Rule (TPR), which requires that a zone change must account for any potential impacts on nearby transportation facilities (typically state highways). In order to make the zone change, the City of Redmond would be responsible for constructing a \$250 million bypass project for U.S. Highway 97 to account for anticipated increases in traffic loads to that highway.