

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
<b>Vote:</b>	9 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Doherty, Johnson, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Richardson, Smith, Thatcher, Vega Pederson, Holvey
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	2/19, 4/11

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Makes legislative findings regarding regional and community based problem solving. Requires Governor to develop plan to align state economic and community development programs with regional and community based development programs and propose changes that promote regional and community based problem solving while preserving state objectives and service delivery. Requires plan be submitted to Legislative Assembly for consideration during 2014 regular session. Directs Governor to ensure natural resource agency representatives participate in regional solution teams and centers.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Promoting collaboration and cooperation between state agency representatives and local partners
- Regional economic development visions
- Preserving strong enforcement by regulators while allowing flexibility for local cooperation
- Effectiveness of existing regional solutions teams and regional solutions centers

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Replaces the original measure.

**BACKGROUND:** Like individual businesses, local and regional economic development organizations, such as Southern Oregon Regional Economic Development, Inc. (SORED), and Strategic Economic Development Corporation (SEDCOR), are required to navigate various state agencies in taking action on their development priorities.

House Bill 2620 A establishes a state commitment to regional and community based problem solving and directs the Governor to develop a plan to align state economic and community development programs with regional and community based development programs. The plan shall propose changes that promote regional and community based problem solving while preserving state objectives and service delivery.