

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 6 - 1 - 0
Yeas: Cameron, Davis, Frederick, Thatcher, Unger, Clem
Nays: Holvey
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 2/19, 3/28, 4/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires majority of votes in city as well as separate majority of votes in territory favoring annexation for approval of annexation of 100 acres or more. Requires majority of combined votes cast in city and territory favoring annexation for approval of annexation of less than 100 acres.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Interference with city’s ability to manage urban growth efficiently
- City charters and ordinances that affect how cities conduct annexation
- Cost of infrastructure with growth
- Relationship between comprehensive plans and annexation processes

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Annexation is the process of incorporating a piece of property into the boundaries of a city, making the property and those who live there eligible for services provided by the city. This action can be initiated by the city or by the property owner. Annexation is a locally driven process with guiding state statutes, including ORS Chapters 195 and 222. Annexations are typically subject to a public vote of the residents of the territory to be annexed and sometimes a vote of residents of the city to which the territory is being annexed.

Currently, ORS Chapter 222.750 states that annexation is approved if a combined majority of votes cast in the city and the territory vote in favor of annexation. This can allow a large area to be annexed, even if the residents of the area being considered for annexation oppose the action. House Bill 2617 would require a majority of votes within a city, in addition to a majority of votes within the area to be annexed, if the area to be annexed is 100 acres or larger.