

Senate Bill 251

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Authorizes Governor to convene meeting of federal, state and local permitting authorities to streamline or expedite approval process for proposed land development that addresses significant regional priorities.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to review of land development proposals requiring multiple permits.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:

(a) **"Local permit" means a permit issued by a local permitting authority.**

(b) **"Local permitting authority" means a local government, as defined in ORS 174.116, that has authority to issue a permit.**

(c) **"Permit" means an individual and particularized license, permit, certificate, approval, registration or similar form of permission required by law to pursue an activity specified in the permit, for which a governmental body must weigh information, make specific findings and make determinations on a case-by-case basis for each applicant.**

(d) **"State permit" means a permit issued by a state permitting authority, including a permit issued under a federally delegated program.**

(e) **"State permitting authority" means a state officer, board, commission, bureau or department in the executive branch of state government that has authority to issue a permit.**

(2) When a land development proposal requires the issuance of two or more permits, at least one of which is a state permit or a local permit, and the Governor determines that the land development proposal addresses significant regional priorities, the Governor shall:

(a) Convene one or more meetings of representatives, as applicable, of state permitting authorities and local permitting authorities for the purpose of establishing a permit review plan and schedule designed to:

(A) Streamline or expedite the permit review process to ensure fast and efficient consideration of proposed land developments that address significant regional priorities;

(B) Improve communication between federal, state and local permitting authorities, and between a permit applicant and permitting authorities; and

(C) Improve the efficiency of the permitting process by reducing, to the extent practicable, duplication of effort and the occurrence of sequential permitting.

(b) Invite federal permitting authorities to attend and participate through one or more representatives.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (c) Direct state permitting authorities, and encourage federal permitting authorities and
2 local permitting authorities, to coordinate their permitting activities, to the extent practi-
3 cable, to streamline or expedite the permit review process.

4 (3) Whenever the Governor convenes a meeting of permitting authorities referred to in
5 subsection (2) of this section and requires the attendance and participation of a state per-
6 mitting authority, a representative of the state permitting authority shall attend and par-
7 ticipate.

8 (4) The Governor shall resolve:

9 (a) Issues that arise between state permitting authorities, and the Governor's decision
10 is final; and

11 (b) To the extent allowed by law, issues that arise with respect to federal or local per-
12 mitting authorities.

13 (5) In cooperation with permitting authorities, the Governor shall report on or before
14 October 1 of each year to the Legislative Assembly in the manner described in ORS 192.245
15 regarding land development proposals determined by the Governor to address significant re-
16 gional priorities and the permitting activities addressed by convening the permitting au-
17 thorities referred to in subsection (2) of this section.

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