## 77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2014 Regular Session **MEASURE: HB 4078 CARRIER:**

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

**House Committee on Rural Communities** 

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Without Recommendation as to Passage and Be Referred to the Committee on Rules

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> Cameron, Davis, Holvey, McKeown, Thatcher, Unger, Clem Yeas:

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Beth Reiley, Administrator **Prepared By:** 

**Meeting Dates:** 2/4, 2/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Validates urban growth boundary adopted by Metro and acknowledged by Land Conservation and Development Commission as Metro's acknowledged urban growth boundary (UGB). Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Metro's UGB expansion was approved by Land Conservation and Development Commission in 2012
- UGB appeals were put on hold in Oregon Court of Appeals in January, 2013 pending issuance of decision on separate Urban-Rural Reserves decision
- Process Metro undertook to establish UGB expansion

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

**BACKGROUND:** State land use planning laws require Metro to maintain a 20-year supply of buildable land within the urban growth boundary (UGB). On October 20, 2011, after completing public hearings on a proposed expansion the Metro Council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 11-1264B (Ordinance), which expanded the urban growth boundary to fill a projected unmet need for development capacity for housing and industries. The Land Conservation and Development Commission (Commission) held public hearings on May 10 and June 14, 2012 on the Ordinance. The Commission voted unanimously to accept the expansion of the UGB by the Ordinance on June 14, 2012. Subsequently three appeals of the decision were filed with the Court of Appeals. In January, 2013 the Court of Appeals put the UGB appeal on hold pending the issuance of its decision on Barkers Five, LLC v. Land Conservation and Development Commission on the legality of the region's urban and rural reserves plan which was finalized in early 2011.

House Bill 4078 would validate the UGB adopted by Metro.