

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

Ayes, 57; Excused, 3

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Meeting Dates: 4/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows county to create parcel that is smaller than minimum size standard in resource zone for farm or forest use when part of existing unit of land has been included within urban growth boundary to be planned and zoned for urbanization. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND: Several cities and Metro in particular, have attempted to follow streams and other natural features in establishing and amending their urban growth boundaries (UGB). However, as a result of decisions to establish the UGB based on natural features rather than property lines, some farm or forest land parcels are partially split by the UGB, with some portion of the parcel inside the boundary and some portion outside. Often, if the property is divided along the UGB, the portion outside the UGB would be smaller than the statutory required minimum lot size found in ORS 215.780.

House Bill 2457A would authorize land partitions for farm or forest parcels straddling a UGB to be smaller than the statutory minimum lot size.