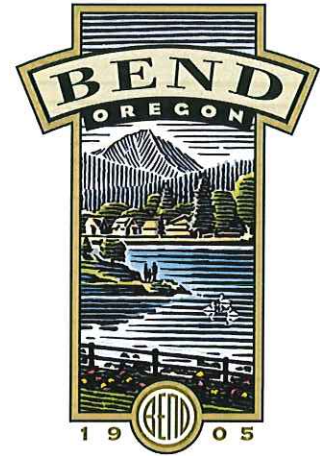


May 18, 2015

Senator Chris Edwards, Chair
Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
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RE: Support for HB 3282-A



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Both in concept and detail, HB 3282-A is simple: It clarifies that a city can resolve a remand of an Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) amendment by using periodic review for the limited purpose of addressing only the unresolved elements in the remand. Current practice often requires cities to resubmit the entire proposal, even if only several small elements need to be addressed, which can come at significant time and expense.

The City of Bend understands that the optional process described by HB 3282-A is most likely already allowed by current law. HB 3282-A amends state statute to make this option explicit. This provides for cities that have already undertaken costly and complicated UGB expansions with clarity and confidence in utilizing this option:

JIM CLINTON
Mayor

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VICTOR CHUDOWSKY
City Councilor

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City Councilor

Upon request by a city, the Land Conservation and Development Commission may permit a city to undergo periodic review for the limited purpose of completing changes to proposed amendments to a comprehensive plan and land use regulations required on remand after review by the commission under ORS 197.626 (1)(b). If periodic review is initiated under this subsection, the city may adopt, and the Director of the Department of Land Conservation and Development may approve, a work program that includes only the changes required on remand.

NATHAN BODDIE
City Councilor

CASEY ROATS
City Councilor

BARB CAMPBELL
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ERIC KING
City Manager

The City of Bend has had numerous discussions with the Department of Land Conservation and Development about periodic review since HB 3282 was introduced. Based on those discussions, we're strongly inclined to utilize periodic review to address our UGB remand. No city has ever made this transition before, and HB 3282-A will increase our confidence and, we believe, our chances of a successful outcome.

As introduced, HB 3282 was a much broader bill, but it was thoroughly and collaboratively re-worked in the House to resolve concerns expressed by DLCD and 1000 Friends of Oregon. The result was an 8-0 committee vote and a 57-0 vote on the House floor. We are grateful for the efforts of both DLCD and 1000 Friends.

HB 3282-A enjoys a bipartisan, bicameral sponsorship, and we're very proud of the effort that has gone into the bill thus far and the support that it has received. We ask for your support in moving the bill to the Senate Floor and, ultimately, for passing it into law.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Eric King", is written over a blue horizontal line.

Eric King, City Manager