

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Rural Communities, Land Use, and Water

MEASURE: HB 2456
CARRIER: Rep. Helm

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact
Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/24/15
Action: Do Pass.
Meeting Dates: 02/12, 02/24

House

Yeas: 6 - Clem, Gilliam, Gomberg, McLane, Post, Helm
Exc: 1 - Witt

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies optional method of evaluation of changes to urban growth boundary of city outside Metro with population of 10,000 or more.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Legislation enacted in 2013 (House Bill 2254) required the Department of Land Conservation and Development (department) to adopt administrative rules to establish an optional, streamlined urban growth boundary (UGB) amendment process. As a result of reduced costs, complexity and time, this new method is intended to be used by most cities with growing populations. The department and a group of citizens and stakeholders have been working on rules to establish this new process since 2013.

House Bill 2254 included two almost identical sections specifying criteria that the Land Conservation & Development Commission must follow in the development of the new UGB rules – a section regarding small cities (less than 10,000) and a different section for large cities (more than 10,000). After passage, the department and other stakeholders noticed that there was a drafting error in the “large city” section. A subsection that was intended to contain certain specific requirements to guide this rulemaking was inadvertently omitted. House Bill 2456 would insert the missing wording in the “large city” subsection of the 2013 measure (now codified at ORS 197A.300 to 197A.325), with the proposed wording based on the similar “small city” section.