

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

MEASURE: HB 2457 A
CARRIER: Rep. Helm

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 03/03/15

Action: Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

Meeting Dates: 02/12, 03/03

Vote:

Yeas: 7 - Clem, Gilliam, Gomberg, Helm, McLane, Post, Witt

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows counties to create parcels that are 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. Clarifies definition of parcel. Clarifies description of land division authorized in existing law. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Challenges for local governments when parcel straddles urban growth boundary
- Changes in statute found in introduced version unrelated to substance of bill

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Restores previous statutory language.

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.