

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rural Communities, Land Use, and Water

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 03/26/15

Action: Do Pass And Be Referred To Revenue By Prior Reference

Meeting Dates: 03/12, 03/26

Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Clem, Gomberg, Helm, Post, Witt

Exc: 2 - Gilliam, McLane

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Following disincorporation, requires City of Damascus to distribute all excess moneys to each taxpayer of the City, after all outstanding legal debts and obligations are satisfied. Amount paid to citizens is determined by multiplying remaining amount of all moneys by ratio of cumulative amount of ad valorem property taxes imposed by city and paid by taxpayer for property tax years beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2016, to cumulative amount of ad valorem property taxes imposed by city and paid by all taxpayers for property tax years identified. Takes effect contingent on passage of House Bill 3085.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Challenges of execution of bill
- Implementation of bill contingent on passage of HB 3085

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The proposed House Bill 3085 would put a measure on the November 2016 ballot allowing the residents of Damascus, Oregon to vote on whether to surrender the city's charter, disincorporate and cease to exist by a majority of voters.

If House Bill 3085 passes and voters decided to disincorporate Damascus, House Bill 3086 would require the City of Damascus to distribute all excess moneys to each city taxpayer, after all outstanding legal debts and obligations are satisfied.