

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rural Communities, Land Use, and Water

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/07/15

Action: Do Pass. Refer To Ways And Means.

Meeting Dates: 03/17, 04/07

Vote:

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

Exc: 2 - McLane, Witt

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) to study statewide land use planning system to identify and evaluate opportunities to decrease time required to site and develop industrial uses. Requires DLCD to report results of study to legislature on or before October 1, 2017.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Challenges facing communities in rural Oregon
- Existing process for siting and development
- Importance of infrastructure and trained workforce in attracting industry

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2011 the Legislative Assembly passed Senate Bill 766 which established the Industrial Development Projects of State Significance Program and the Regionally Significant Industrial Areas Program. The bill included a finding that industrial development is of such significance to the economic recovery of Oregon that such development merited an expedited project review process.

House Bill 3147 would direct DLCD to study the state land use planning system to identify and evaluate opportunities to decrease the time required to site and develop industrial uses. The measure requires DLCD to report results of the study to Legislature on or before October 1, 2017.