

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 06/03/15

Action: Do Pass With Amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Meeting Dates: 04/14, 06/03

Vote:

Yeas: 4 - Boquist, Edwards, Hass, Riley

Nays: 1 - Baertschiger Jr

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes formation of sand control districts, not within the corporate boundaries of a city, for the purpose of controlling, moving, or removing drifting sand within the district. Details authority of sand control districts and of district boards. Authorizes districts to levy taxes and raise revenue. Authorizes districts to issue general obligation bonds within specified limits. Adds sand control district to definition of local service district and special district elections statutes. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Authority for local areas to create districts
- Need in existing language for levy limit to be specified
- Clarification on requirements for vote at local level to establish levy and permanent taxing authority
- How sand is controlled under existing law in various coastal communities, local/individual homeowner responsibilities
- Other communities where this has been done.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Removes section 4 of measure which places to be determined limit upon taxing authority of sand control district.

BACKGROUND:

Under current law, sand control districts cannot be created to control or move drifting sand. Changes to current law provided by the measure will allow for the creation of sand control districts, however, no sand control district will be created directly because of the measure. ORS 198.705 - 198.955 provide the general requirements for formation of new special districts.