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## **HB 4126 Fact Sheet**

### **What is the Issue?**

In 2013, the Oregon Legislature unanimously passed HB 2254, which made significant changes to the evaluation process used by cities outside Metro to determine which lands to add to an Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). The Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) adopted implementing rules that became operative on January 1, 2016, pursuant to that legislation. However, a number of cities continue working on UGB expansions under the rules left in place in 2013.

Traditionally, LCDC allows cities to complete a UGB evaluation and amendment under the rules in place when the city started. Unfortunately, HB 2254 did not provide explicit authority to LCDC to allow cities finalizing their UGB analysis to finish under the rules that were in place when they started. This means a city that started the process of analyzing its UGB prior to 2016 could now face an appeal if it uses the rules in place when it started or have to redo significant analysis under the process established under the new rules. This may cause substantial delays, add more financial burdens, and confuse the participating public for the cities that were not able to complete the UGB process prior to January 1, 2016.

### **How Does HB 4126 Fix the Problem?**

The League and some of the impacted cities have worked with the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) to draft a simple, narrow bill to clarify that cities that started a UGB analysis process before the new rules took effect can opt to finish under the previous rules or the new rules.

This option is only for cities that provided notice to DLCD prior to the effective date of the implementing rules (January 1, 2016).

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