

HB 2094 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires land proposed for urban and rural reserves in written agreement to be designated if certain criteria are met.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 1011 (2007) authorized Metro regional government and metro-area counties to designate "urban and rural reserves." The reserves identify what lands might become urbanized in the future, depending upon need, and what lands will remain rural. Urban reserves are intended to facilitate long-term planning for urbanization in the Portland metropolitan area and to provide greater certainty to the agricultural and forest industries, to other industries and commerce, to private landowners and to public and private service providers, about the locations of future expansion of the Metro Urban Growth Boundary. Rural reserves are intended to provide long-term protection for large blocks of agricultural land and forest land, and for natural landscape features that limit urban development or define natural boundaries of urbanization.

House Bill 2094 would require designation of land as urban or rural reserves if proposed in a written agreement and found to meet criteria.