

**SB 612 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Authorizes a local government that meets specified criteria related to unemployment, population decline, or poverty to adopt an exception to a statewide land use planning goal for uses that will create five or more new full-time jobs with a salary 400 percent of the federal poverty guidelines for a family of four. Requires any exception be adopted within two years of a finding that the local government has experienced sustained high unemployment or population decline or has a high poverty level. Defines related terms.

*REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.*

*FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.*

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Oregon's statewide land use planning program was created in 1973 when the Legislative Assembly passed the Oregon Land Use Act (Senate Bill 100). The program is overseen by the seven-member Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC), which receives administrative support from the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD). Following the passage of Senate Bill 100, LCDC developed 19 land use planning goals, including but not limited to economic development, energy, transportation, and housing. All cities and counties are required to adopt comprehensive plans that meet these goals. Under certain circumstances, jurisdictions may claim an exception to a goal.

Senate Bill 612 would authorize a local government that meets certain criteria related to high unemployment, population decline, or poverty to adopt an exception to a statewide land use planning goal for uses that will create five or more new full-time jobs with a salary 400 percent of the federal poverty guidelines for a family of four.