

**SB 618 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources**

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/6

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Authorizes a local government to waive a statewide land use planning goal without taking an exception if the local government declares an emergency and takes a land use action that cannot comply with the requirements of the goal. Sunsets provisions on June 30, 2023. Declares emergency; takes effect upon passage.

*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 618 would authorize a local government to waive a statewide land use planning goal without taking an exception if the local government declares a land use emergency and takes an action that cannot comply with the requirements of the goal. Sunsets provisions on June 30, 2023.