

HB 2222 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 4/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Land Conservation and Development Commission (Commission) to conduct a study to determine the necessity of converting the current statewide land use planning process to a regional statewide land use planning process. Requires Commission to invite comments from each county in the state. Stipulates study consider feasibility, advantages and disadvantages of such a change. Stipulates study propose strategy for converting to new process and implementing such a process. Requires Commission to report to the Legislative Assembly no later than January 15, 2018. Declares emergency; takes effect upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-3 Replaces bill. Allows county to amend its comprehensive plan and land use regulations to redesignate lands zoned for farm use, forest use or mixed farm and forest use and allow certain development.

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. 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.

House Bill 2222 would direct LCDC to conduct a study to determine the necessity of converting the current statewide land use planning process to a regional statewide land use planning process and report its findings to the Legislative Assembly no later than January 15, 2018.