

HB 2214 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Expedited Housing Permit Fund for purposes of providing grants through Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) to support administration by local government of expedited land division provisions. Allows grant moneys to be spent on employee expense to administer land division process, up to \$30,000 per employee, or expense for developing infrastructure, up to \$10,000 per housing unit. Authorizes DLCD to develop rules for grant program. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Affordable housing and development regulations
- Existing authority to expedite land use permitting for housing
- Expense to local governments

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

Under ORS Chapter 197, local governments may authorize "expedited land divisions," allowing a faster process for subdividing and partitioning land for the purpose of residential development to meet housing needs. The expedited land divisions statute has been in existence since 1995, and House Bill 3223A (2015) set requirements that residential development projects result in residential units at 80 percent or more of maximum net density of the site or the development of units that will be sold or rented to households with incomes below 120 percent of the median family income of the county in which the project is built. To accomplish expedited land divisions, local governments process permits and prepare analyses in a shorter period of time than normal land divisions, which can increase costs.

House Bill 2214 would establish a grant program to help local governments pay for employee expenses to administer expedited land divisions and expenses for developing infrastructure to support the specific land division.