

HB 3211 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Economic Development and Trade

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Meeting Dates: 4/12, 4/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon Business Development Department (Business Oregon) to study the barriers to the development of industrial lands. Requires Business Oregon to report to an appropriate committee or interim committee of the Legislative Assembly no later than September 1, 2018.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Industrial lands inventory near the I-5 corridor
- Wetland mitigation credit costs
- Previous industrial land studies

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces measure. Establishes the Task Force on Industrially Zoned Lands (Task Force). Specifies Task Force membership and rules. Directs Task to study barriers to the development of industrially zoned lands and report to the interim legislative committee related to economic development no later than September 15, 2018. Sunsets Task Force December 31, 2018. Takes effect on the 91st day after sine die.

BACKGROUND:

After reviewing the permit processes at state agencies, the Legislative Assembly in 2011 created the Economic Recovery Review Council (ERRC) within Business Oregon and two programs that streamline the process to ready industrial lands for business. The Industrial Development Projects of State Significance program focuses on up to 10 projects per biennium that may be subjected to an expedited process when job creation, wage and other criteria are met. The second program designates Regionally Significant Industrial Areas (RSIA) planned and zoned for industrial use that have potential long-term job creation and provides some protection for using the land for business and employment purposes.

House Bill 3211 would ask Business Oregon to study barriers to industrial land development and report to the appropriate legislative committees by September 1, 2018.