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Measure Description:

Requires Director of Department of Land Conservation and Development, at city's request, to approve or remand sequential phases of work tasks related to potential amendment of urban growth boundary.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA), Department of Land Conservation and Development, Judicial Department, Cities, Metro

Summary of Expenditure Impact: See Analysis

Summary of Revenue Impact: See Analysis

Analysis:

SB 418-A7 requires the director of the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) to parse work tasks that would allow DLCD to issue final orders approving or remanding sequential phases of the work tasks related to an urban growth boundary (UGB) amendment by a city with a population of 2,500 or more that adds more than 50 acres to the UGB, and related to needed housing.

The bill also prevents a metropolitan service district from including in its inventory of buildable lands, a lot or parcel that has been within the UGB for 15 years or more if the lot or parcel is not subject to an agreement with a city to annex the lot or parcel, and the lot or parcel does not have access to sufficient infrastructure to develop the lot or parcel at a density that is equal to or above the lowest density level authorized for an area zone for residential use within the nearest incorporated city.

The fiscal impact of the measure is indeterminate. Metro has indicated that the required review of existing buildable lands would require a significant amount of staff time and legal review, to determine whether a lot or parcel should be exempt from inventory. Cities has indicated that the bill would require a significant amount of staff time for cities located within Metro, to review individual lots to determine whether they meet the secured funding and sufficient infrastructure provisions required in the bill.