

HB 2095 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

Carrier: Sen. Monroe

Action Date: 05/15/17
Action: Do pass the A-Eng bill.
Vote: 4-1-0-0
Yeas: 4 - Beyer, Monroe, Riley, Thomsen
Nays: 1 - Girod
Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows metropolitan service district to revise demonstration of sufficient buildable lands on a single occasion under certain circumstances and to expand the urban growth boundary if the metropolitan service district concludes that expansion is warranted.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Strategy for maintaining sufficient supply of developable land
- Not expected to supplant six-year cycle
- Role played by infrastructure in development
- High rate of population growth expected for next 20 years

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Metro is the regional government for the Oregon portion of the Portland metropolitan region, including portions of Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties and 24 cities. It is the only directly elected regional government and metropolitan planning organization in the United States, responsible for coordinating growth of the cities in the region.

Every six years, Metro is required to complete an inventory of the supply of buildable lands within the urban growth boundary (UGB), determine the housing capacity of those lands, and conduct an analysis of housing needs for the next 20 years. Statute currently limits consideration of UGB expansion to the time period when this inventory review is conducted.

House Bill 2095-A allows Metro to consider amending the region's UGB three years after completing the inventory by adding up to 1,000 total acres, in one or more locations, to accommodate a proposed development.