

HB 4034 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies requirement that a city with a population greater than 2,500 or a county with a population greater than 15,000 allow development of at least one accessory dwelling unit in areas zoned for detached single-family dwellings. Makes requirement applicable only within an urban growth boundary. Takes effect on July 1, 2018.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Current statutory language requiring cities and counties to allow the development of at least one accessory dwelling unit (ADU) in areas zoned for detached single-family dwellings was enacted by the Legislative Assembly in Senate Bill 1051 (2017). Senate Bill 1051 pertained to increasing tools and decreasing barriers for the development of affordable housing. Bill proponents claim that legislative intent was for the ADU section to only apply within an urban growth boundary, and that a staff communication error with Legislative Counsel resulted in the omission of urban growth boundary language between amendments.