

HB 2914 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Land Use

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Removes the requirement that certain Metro lands be zoned for employment land of state significance. Allows the re-designation of those lands by local government. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2014, the legislature passed the state "Grand Bargain" land use bill, House Bill 4078. The bill validated Metro's 2011 unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 11-1264B, which expanded the urban growth boundary (UGB) to fill a projected unmet need to maintain a 20-year supply of buildable land, and confirmed Washington County urban and rural reserve designations, with some exceptions. The bill, now ORS 195.144, included a provision that required that certain real property in Washington County - east of the east boundary of the right of way of Northwest Jackson School Road and east of the east bank of Storey Creek and the east bank of Waibel Creek - be included within the UGB, designated as "employment land of state significance," and planned and zoned for employment use. The law also required that in its first UGB review in 2014, Metro could not count the employment capacity of those properties in its determination of the employment capacity of land within Metro.

House Bill 2914 would remove the requirement that certain Metro lands be zoned for employment land of state significance and would allow the re-designation of those lands by local government.