

HB 2109 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Land Use

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Specifies voting methodology requirements based on the acreage of the territory to be annexed. Requires votes from the city and territory to be annexed to be counted separately to determine separate majorities if the territory is 100 acres or more. Requires votes from the city and territory to be annexed to be combined as a single majority if the territory is less than 100 acres.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 222.750, known as the "island annexation statute," allows a city to annex a territory that is surrounded by the corporate boundaries of the city, or by the corporate boundaries of the city and the ocean shore, a river, creek, bay, lake, or Interstate Highway 5 following a properly-noticed public hearing.

If a city charter, ordinance, or resolution requires the city to conduct an election for annexation approval, ORS 222.750 requires that the city allow electors in the territory proposed to be annexed to vote in that election. Currently, a majority of combined votes in the city and territory to be annexed are required to approve annexation.

House Bill 2109 would specify voting methodology requirements based on the acreage of the territory to be annexed.