

HB 2914 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

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Meeting Dates: 5/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Designates a subset of Metro land as "employment land of state significance," to be planned and zoned for employment use. Removes provision that states that Metro, in its first legislative review of the urban growth boundary on or after April 1, 2014, is prohibited from counting the employment capacity of the broader specified Metro land in determining the employment capacity of the total land within Metro. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

House vote: Passed. Ayes, 56; Nays, 3--Marsh, McKeown, McLain; Excused, 1--Barreto

Minimal fiscal impact; no revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2014, the legislature passed House Bill 4078 validating Metro's 2011 expansion of 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 Act, 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 specified 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. The "Jackson East" property is a portion of the statutorily specified area.

House Bill 2914 A would designate a more narrow subset of Metro land as "employment land of state significance" to be planned and zoned for employment use.