

SB 294 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Hansell

Senate Committee On Business and General Government

Action Date: 02/12/19

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 3-0-2-0

Yeas: 3 - Dembrow, Girod, Riley

Exc: 2 - Hass, Olsen

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: Has minimal revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes annexation of land to pioneer cemetery maintenance district in rural county and outside urban growth boundary upon petition by owner and endorsement of governing body of district. Requires board of affected county to approve district's petition if specified requirements are met and requires board to file boundary change with county assessor and Department of Revenue.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current process for annexing land into cemetery district

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Current statute allows for the formation of cemetery maintenance districts, which are special districts authorized to own, hold, and operate land for cemetery purposes. Senate Bill 294 establishes the pioneer cemetery district as a cemetery maintenance district located in a county with a population less than 20,000 and which operates a cemetery outside of any city's urban growth boundary. The measure allows pioneer cemetery maintenance districts to annex land at the request of the owner and with the endorsement of the pioneer cemetery maintenance district board.