

HB 2336 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Zika

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

Action Date: 02/18/19

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Helt, Keny-Guyer, Meek, Mitchell, Noble, Sanchez, Schouten, Williams, Zika

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/11, 2/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Removes the requirement for a city to have population under 25,000 in order to participate in the affordable housing pilot program administered by the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) if no qualifying nomination is received for a city of that size. Provides for an eligibility cut off date of August 17, 2018.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Pilot designed to explore efficient ways to bring land in for affordable housing developments
- Other requirements of the pilot program
- Differences between Redmond's and Bend's plans
- Affordable housing goals
- Land prices
- Poverty level; wages not keeping up with housing prices
- Mental health and housing stability

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Adds a cut off date for eligibility of August 17, 2018.

BACKGROUND:

In 2016, the Legislative Assembly enacted House Bill 4079, creating an affordable housing pilot program to be implemented by the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC). The measure specified that two projects would be selected from sites nominated by local governments: a city with a population less than 25,000, and a city with a population more than 25,000. The measure targeted a number of counties; imposed certain planning requirements on nominating local governments; and set forth criteria for LCDC to apply when making selections. Bend and Redmond (both with populations over 25,000) were the only two applicants, both with populations over 25,000, and Bend was selected.

House Bill 2336 A allows the second applicant city (Redmond) to participate in the pilot program since no cities with populations less than 25,000 were nominated.