AN ACT

Relating to affordable housing pilot program; amending section 4, chapter 52, Oregon Laws 2016.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. Section 4, chapter 52, Oregon Laws 2016, is amended to read:

Sec. 4. (1) Under the rules adopted under section 3, chapter 52, Oregon Laws 2016 [of this 2016 Act], the Land Conservation and Development Commission shall establish a site selection process by which the commission shall select two pilot projects, one from a city with a population of 25,000 or less and one from a city with a population greater than 25,000, from among nominations made by local governments. However, if the commission has not received any qualifying nominations from a city with a population of 25,000 or less on or before the effective date of this 2019 Act, the commission may select any two pilot projects eligible for selection on or before August 17, 2018.

(2) A local government may nominate a pilot project that provides a site dedicated to affordable housing within the jurisdiction of the local government.

(3) When nominating a pilot project for the site selection process, a local government shall:

(a) Submit a concept plan for the pilot project, including any proposed amendments to the comprehensive plan and land use regulations required to implement the pilot project; and

(b) Demonstrate that the landowner of the site has agreed to designation of the landowner’s property as a pilot project for the purposes of sections 2 to 9, chapter 52, Oregon Laws 2016 [of this 2016 Act].

(4) The commission shall select pilot projects that are:

(a) Reasonably likely to provide a site for affordable housing that would not otherwise be provided without the special provisions of the pilot program;

(b) Reasonably likely to serve identified populations in the area that require affordable housing;

(c) Adjacent to the city’s existing urban growth boundary;

(d) Near public facilities and services, including roadways and an identified transit corridor to serve the area, or for which public facilities and services are planned and reasonably likely to be provided at a reasonable cost in the near future;

(e) Located, planned and zoned to avoid or minimize adverse effects on natural resources and nearby farm and forest uses if the pilot project would require amending an urban growth boundary to include the pilot project site; and
(f) Nominated by a local government that demonstrates efforts by the local government to accommodate and encourage the development of needed housing within its existing urban growth boundary.

(5) The following local governments are not eligible for nomination or selection under the pilot program:
   (a) Clackamas, Marion, Multnomah, Polk and Washington Counties and cities within Clackamas, Marion, Multnomah, Polk and Washington Counties;
   (b) Metro and cities and counties included in the Metro urban growth boundary; and
   (c) Local governments within Jefferson County that are served by the North Unit Irrigation District.