

HB 2655 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Housing

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Meeting Dates: 2/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits counties from establishing minimum lot size of more than one acre for a lot or parcel that is zoned for rural residential use, for the purpose of constructing a new single-family dwelling unit on the lot or parcel.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Until 2017, Oregon's county planning, zoning, and housing laws allowed the construction of an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) on land zoned for either exclusive farm use or rural residential use only if the ADU would be used for farmworkers. In 2017, House Bill 3012 expanded planning, zoning and housing laws to allow the construction of a new single-family dwelling unit, subject to certain conditions, in an area zoned for residential use, if the owner converts the historic home on the same lot or parcel to an ADU. Current statute provides that a lot or parcel is at least two acres in size in order to be eligible for development.

House Bill 2655 prohibits counties from establishing a minimum lot size of more than one acre for a lot or parcel that is zoned for rural residential use.