HB 2488 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Energy and Environment

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Land Conservation and Development Commission (the commission) to make changes to statewide land use planning goals by December 31, 2026, to address climate justice by addressing climate change adaptation and mitigation and environmental justice for disadvantaged communities. Requires the commission to 1) establish and update measurable targets for climate change mitigation and adaptation, and greenhouse gas sequestration and storage; and 2) identify and map anticipated impacts to public resources and local communities from climate change. Requires the commission to include requirements or guidelines compelling local governments and applicable state agencies to: 1) include disadvantaged communities in land use planning and decisions; 2) determine and address local issues of diversity, equality; and environmental justice; and 3) identify and map disadvantaged communities and cumulative health risks they face, using data from various federal or state agencies, nonprofit organizations, and local programs. Requires that cities' and counties' comprehensive plans, land use regulations, plans, and zoning ordinances rules comply with changes to the statewide land use planning goals by a certain date. Requires Department of Land Conservation and Development (the department) to establish environmental justice advisory committee to advise the department on environmental justice changes to the statewide land use planning goals. Requires commission to adopt interim climate justice standards for local government's use, including environmental justice, equity, and public participation and climate adaptation risks and responses, and take into consideration state and federal goals for reducing greenhouse gases, until meeting compliance with goals changes. Establishes deadlines for compliance with interim standards and changed goals. Establishes Climate Justice Planning Goals Fund. Appropriates moneys to fund. Continuously appropriates moneys in fund to commission for specified purposes. Sunsets interim standards on January 2, 2030. Sunsets goal amendment process after commission certifies adoption of goal. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon's rapid population growth and development during the 1960s and 1970s prompted concern about the effect growth might have on the environment, natural resources, and the livability of communities. These concerns led to the passage of Senate Bill 100 (1973), which directed that local governments adopt and implement comprehensive plans and revise them periodically in accordance with statewide goals and with the needs and desires of the public. After extensive review and public input, the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC)initially adopted 14 statewide planning goals in 1974 and five additional goals over the next three years. Most of the goals have since been amended but their basic principles remain intact. The goals establish state policies on urban and rural land uses, resource conservation, economic development, affordable housing, urban growth, coastal protection, natural hazards, and citizen involvement. House Bill 2488 would expand the 19 statewide planning goals to amend existing goals or adopt additional goals to support climate change adaptation and mitigation, and environmental justice for disadvantaged communities. The bill would require that cities' and counties' comprehensive plans, land use regulations, plans, and zoning ordinances rules

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