

SB 605 A -9 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires a county board, upon request by a rural fire protection district (RFPD), to annex into the district lands that are either within seven road miles of a district fire station or that are brought within seven miles of a station by a new road, and that are not subject to RFPD tax assessment. Requires the county board to establish and implement a process for the annexation. Authorizes a RFPD to levy certain taxes and fees only to annexed lands that are improved, and not to those that are unimproved. Clarifies that lands unimproved at annexation, that are improved after annexation, may be subject to RFPD tax assessment and fees beginning July 1 following the calendar year in which the lands are improved. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

Senate Vote: Passed. Ayes, 21; Nays, 8-Anderson, Boquist, Girod, Hansell, Heard, Robinson, Thatcher, Thomsen; Excused, 1-Linthicum

FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued

REVENUE: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-9 Replaces the measure. Allows a rural fire protection district (RFPD) to submit to a county board a request to annex to the district lands that are either within seven road miles of a district fire station or that are brought within seven miles of a station by a new road, and that are not subject to RFPD tax assessment. Requires the county board to order elections on the annexation in the district and in the territory containing the lands and requires the district board to certify the results of the district election. Requires the county board to issue an order of annexation after the elections, if a majority of the votes in both elections are in favor of the annexation, or an order declaring that a majority of the votes in one or both elections are not in favor of the annexation. If the elections do not result in an order of annexation: 1) prohibits the district from submitting a second or subsequent request to annex lands, or a portion of lands, whose annexation was subject to the elections; 2) allows district board to initiate by resolution, one or more times, the annexation of lands, or a portion of lands, whose annexation was subject to the elections. Authorizes a RFPD to levy certain taxes and fees only to annexed lands that are improved, and not to those that are unimproved. Clarifies that lands unimproved at annexation, that are improved after annexation, may be subject to RFPD tax assessment and fees beginning July 1 following the calendar year in which the lands are improved.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

BACKGROUND:

Rural Fire Protection Districts (RFPDs) are special districts created to provide fire protection in rural areas of Oregon. There currently are over 200 RFPDs in the state. Counties have the authority to determine the territory included in an RFPD, subject to restrictions concerning territory within a city, water supply district, certain forestlands, railroad rights of way, and ocean shores, and subject to special district petition, hearing, election, and notice requirements.

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Senate Bill 605 A would require a county board, upon request by a rural fire protection district, to annex into the district lands within seven road miles of a district fire station, and would authorize the district to levy certain taxes and fees only to annexed lands that are improved.