

HB 2272 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Lane County to approve a planning application for the development of a permanent recreational vehicle park or campground, provided that the development is located on specified lands and is conditioned upon the applicant demonstrating and agreeing to certain provisions and limitations. Establishes that the county approval is not a land use decision. Provides that county application fees, charges, and assessments and building or specialty permit requirements remain intact. Sunsets January 2, 2024. Authorizes a local government to require a property owner to submit a permit application for the approval or siting of a nonresidential use that was destroyed or interrupted by the 2020 wildfires only for the purpose of establishing such conditions that are necessary to maintain participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The mission of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is to help Americans before, during, and after disasters, and to ensure the United States is equipped to deliver those outcomes. Following the 2020 wildfires, FEMA approved a direct housing mission for several Oregon counties that were able to document a high concentration of damage, a low availability of alternative housing, and an analysis that other temporary housing solutions were insufficient to meet the housing need. FEMA has provided some transportable temporary housing units and has been working with the State of Oregon and local governments to provide other forms of temporary housing to meet the needs of displaced wildfire survivors and their communities.

FEMA also manages the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which provides flood insurance to property owners, renters, and businesses. The program provides additional benefits to homeowners such as insurance premium discounts and access to mortgage insurance and loan guarantees in flood zones, and allows communities to receive federal grants and disaster assistance in the event of a flood. In order to maintain the flood insurance and associated benefits, local jurisdictions must have and remain in compliance with minimal federal flood plan development standards, including permitting requirements for proposed construction and development projects. House Bill 2289 (2021), which includes numerous provisions related to rebuilding in fire-affected communities, requires adherence to NFIP standards for rebuilt dwellings, but did not clearly state the same requirement for nonresidential and accessory structures.

House Bill 2272 A would require Lane County to approve a planning application for the development of a permanent recreational vehicle park or campground under specified circumstances, and would authorize a local government to require a property owner to submit a permit application for the approval or siting of a nonresidential use that was destroyed or interrupted by the 2020 wildfires only for the purpose of establishing such conditions that are necessary to maintain participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.