HB 2487 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

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Meeting Dates: 1/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows lands zoned for exclusive farm use to be used for weddings or events east of the summit of the Cascade Range and in counties below an 85,000 population threshold.

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

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon's Statewide Land Use Planning Goal 3, 'Agricultural Lands', requires all agricultural lands to be inventoried and preserved by adopting exclusive farm use (EFU) zones. Farm uses allowed on EFU-zoned lands include: raising, harvesting, and selling crops; feeding, breeding, managing, and selling certain animals; and preparing, storing, and disposing of products raised on these lands. Certain nonfarm uses are also allowed on EFU-zoned lands such as farm brewery or cider businesses, churches or cemeteries among others.

House Bill 2487 would allow lands zoned for exclusive farm use to be used for weddings or events east of the summit of the Cascade Range and in counties below an 85,000 population threshold.