

HB 2659 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

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Meeting Dates: 1/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

On or before January 1, 2028, requires Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) to amend or replace rules adopted in response to Governor’s Executive Order 20-04 to address specific issues. Prohibits LCDC from adopting amended or replacement rules unless rule has support of governing bodies of at least 80 percent of all local governments subject to rules and rule includes a comprehensive economic impact statement. Provides that model ordinances to implement rule are enforceable against local governments who do not adopt amendments to comprehensive plan or land use regulations to comply with rules in time required by rule. Prohibits enforcement of climate rules until updated. Sunsets January 2, 2028. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

- *Fiscal impact statement issued*
- *Revenue impact statement issued*

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2020, Governor Brown issued [Executive Order 20-04](#) which directed state agencies to take certain actions to reduce and regulate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The Executive Order establishes science-based GHG emissions reduction goals and calls for the State of Oregon to reduce its GHG emissions at least 45 percent below 1990 emissions levels by 2035 and at least 80 percent below 1990 emissions levels by 2050. In addition, the Executive Order directs state agencies to take certain actions. The Land Conservation and Development Commission, along with other commissions and agencies, was directed to prioritize implementation of the Statewide Transportation Strategy, adopted by the Oregon Transportation Commission, and establish in their implementation of the Statewide Transportation Strategy GHG emissions reduction performance metrics amendments to the Transportation Planning Rule that direct changes to the transportation plans of metropolitan planning areas to meet GHG reduction goals.

House Bill 2659 would require the Land Conservation and Development Commission to update rules adopted in response to Governor’s executive order on climate to address specific issues.