Senate Bill 656

Sponsored by Senator KNOPP (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

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Allows certain local governments to amend urban growth boundaries to include lands to be used for needed housing. Requires consent of city and affected landowners. Provides that inclusion results in city annexation of land.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to expansion of urban areas to add needed housing.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 197.286 to 197.314.

SECTION 2. (1) Notwithstanding ORS 197.296 or 197.298 or a statewide planning goal addressing urbanization, a local government may amend its urban growth boundary to include land for needed housing, as defined in ORS 197.303, if the local government determines that in the immediately preceding calendar year:

(a) The number of new households within the jurisdiction of the local government exceeded the number of new housing units developed within the jurisdiction; and

(b) The average monthly vacancy rate for rental units within the jurisdiction of the local government did not exceed six percent.

(2) Notwithstanding ORS 197.298 or 197A.320, a local government that amends its urban growth boundary under this section shall prioritize including land dedicated to needed housing that is:

(a) Adjacent to the urban growth boundary;

(b) Served, or capable of being served within one year, by urban services, as defined in ORS 195.065, necessary for the development of needed housing; and

(c) Adequate to meet the projected demand for new housing units for the jurisdiction of the local government.

(3) A local government may not amend its urban growth boundary under this section unless approved by:

(a) The governing body of the city to which the land included by the amendment will be annexed under subsection (4) of this section; and

(b) All owners of land included by the amendment, by filing a statement of their consent with the city.

(4) Notwithstanding ORS chapter 222 or any other provision of law related to annexation of territory by cities, upon receipt of the approvals required under subsection (3) of this section, the land included within an urban growth boundary under this section must be annexed by the city with the longest contiguous adjacent city limit. The city shall declare the

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.

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land annexed by an ordinance containing a legal description of the land. Annexation under
this subsection is not a land use decision.

(5) For no fewer than 10 years following the amendment of an urban growth boundary
under this section, a local government shall require that housing developed on land included
under subsection (1) of this section is used for needed housing through the local
government’s use of:

(a) Zoning classifications or ordinances; or

(b) Regulations, provisions or requirements described in ORS 197.309.