

Senate Bill 1129 (2025) Presentation Slides

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SB 1129 raised and directed outcomes on two issues related to the designation of urban reserves:

- 1) Allow cities to assign lower priority to the inclusion of exception areas and non-resource lands that are subdivided or partitioned than for exception areas and non-resource lands that are not subdivided or partitioned.
- 2) Allow cities to assign lower priority to the inclusion of otherwise higher priority lands where providing urban services is not reasonable or cost effective due to “topographical or other physical constraints.”

(3) Land found suitable for an urban reserve may be included within an urban reserve only according to the following priorities:

- (i) First priority goes to land adjacent to, or nearby, an urban growth boundary and identified in an acknowledged comprehensive plan as an exception area **as defined in ORS 197.732** or nonresource land **as defined in OAR 660-021-0010(3)**. First priority may include resource land that is completely surrounded by exception areas unless these are high value crop areas as defined in Goal 8 or prime or unique agricultural lands as defined by the United States Department of Agriculture;
- i. **Land within the first priority category may be given lower priority compared to other nonresource lands within an exception area if the land contains planned developments or subdivisions with a Subdivision Plat, as defined in ORS 92.010(18).**

(4) Land of lower priority under section (3) of this rule may be included if land of higher priority is found to be inadequate to accommodate the amount of land estimated in section (1) of this rule for one or more of the following reasons:

(a) Future urban services, as defined in ORS 195.065, is not reasonable or cost effective due to topographical or other physical constraints; or

(b) Maximum efficiency of land uses within a proposed urban reserve requires inclusion of lower priority lands in order to include or to provide services to higher priority lands.