

HB 2355 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

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

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Meeting Dates: 2/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure allows more than one parcel of land to be included in a landowner petition to annex property to a special district.

Detailed Summary

Establishes that more than one parcel of land may be included in landowner annexation petitions provided the petition relates to a single district. Requires all landowners of the affected lands to sign the petition and all petitioners to be sent written notice of a public hearing by the county board. Specifies that, if a majority of electors who reside on lands to be annexed sign the petition, a public hearing on the annexation petition is not required.

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:

In Oregon, a special district may be formed under [ORS Chapter 198](#) to provide a variety of services to a local community. Examples of special districts include but are not limited to sanitary districts that treat and recycle wastewater; diking and drainage districts that protect property from flooding; fire protection districts that protect property from fires and respond to medical emergencies; and water districts that deliver water to residential, commercial, and agricultural users. Special districts are funded by local property taxes and fee for services.

Annexation is the process of incorporating a piece of property into the boundaries of a city or special district, making the property and those who live there eligible for services provided by the city or district. The annexation of property to a special district be initiated by a landowner, the electors in a district, by resolution of a district or county board, or the Oregon Health Authority under [ORS 198.850 – 198.869](#).