

SB 503 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Housing and Development

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure allows temporary siting of a recreational vehicle on farmland for use by individuals providing security.

Detailed Summary:

Allows a recreational vehicle (RV) for use by individuals providing security for a farm to be temporarily sited on land zoned for exclusive farm use. Requires that this RV be sited and used only on a temporary basis, for no more than five months per year, and as necessary to protect farm equipment or crops.

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

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Beginning in 1961, Oregon Laws have defined specific uses for any area zoned for exclusive farm use (EFU), creating special tax assessments for this land and limited uses. Regulation of EFU-zoned land is part of Oregon’s system of land use goals, overseen by the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) and the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), which were created by legislation in 1973 to assist local governments with the implementation of these goals. Seven categories of dwellings are allowed by law on EFU lands: primary farm dwellings, accessory farm dwellings, relative farm-help dwellings, non-farm dwellings, lot-of-record dwellings, replacement dwellings, and temporary hardship dwellings, each enumerated in Chapter 213 of ORS. Non-farm dwellings may be sited only on soils that are generally unsuitable for agriculture. To allow a “farm dwelling,” local governments must determine that the parcel is at least 160 acres or that it has been producing at least \$40,000 in gross revenues from agriculture (\$80,000 on high-value farmland).