

# House Bill 2950

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## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

**Digest:** This Act makes LCDC update land use goals on public process and makes DLCD suggest changes to how goals are updated. (Flesch Readability Score: 64.6).

Requires the Land Conservation and Development Commission to update the statewide land use planning goal relating to "citizen involvement" by rule by June 30, 2027.

Requires the Department of Land Conservation and Development to make recommendations relating to the goal amendment process to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly relating to land use.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to amending land use planning goals; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 3 of this 2025 Act are added to and made a part of ORS**  
5 **chapter 197.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) On or before June 30, 2027, the Land Conservation and Development**  
7 **Commission shall amend the statewide land use planning goal relating to "citizen involve-**  
8 **ment" as provided in this section.**

9 **(2) The commission shall adopt the goal amendment by rule following the procedural and**  
10 **substantive requirements in ORS 183.325 to 183.410. ORS 197.230, 197.235, 197.240 and 197.245**  
11 **do not apply to this goal amendment.**

12 **(3) The Department of Land Conservation and Development shall appoint an advisory**  
13 **committee under ORS 183.333 consisting of 17 individuals, as follows:**

14 **(a) One member representing the department;**

15 **(b) One member, selected by the Governor, representing the Governor's Racial Justice**  
16 **Council;**

17 **(c) One member from an organization focused on land use planning issues;**

18 **(d) One member from an organization focused on racial justice issues;**

19 **(e) One member from an organization focused on environmental justice issues;**

20 **(f) One member from an Oregon chapter of a land use planning association;**

21 **(g) One member from an organization focused on public participation or with expertise**  
22 **in public participation processes;**

23 **(h) One member from a federally recognized Indian tribe in Oregon with extensive expe-**  
24 **rience with land use planning and Oregon Indian tribes and a deep understanding of rural**  
25 **and urban tribal populations;**

26 **(i) Three members from a land use planning division of a city, including:**

27 **(A) One city with a population of more than 25,000;**

**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.

1 (B) One city with a population of at least 10,000 and not more than 25,000; and

2 (C) One city with a population of less than 10,000;

3 (j) Three members from a land use planning division of a county, including:

4 (A) One county with a population of more than 250,000;

5 (B) One county with a population of at least 100,000 and not more than 250,000; and

6 (C) One county with a population of less than 100,000; and

7 (k) Three members of the public, including at least one from a rural area and at least  
8 one from, or with direct ties to, an underserved population.

9 (4) The meetings of the advisory committee must consist of no fewer than 10 meetings  
10 that are made virtually open to the public and provide opportunities for oral and written  
11 public comments.

12 (5) In adopting the goal amendment, the department and advisory committee shall give  
13 consideration to addressing issues of:

14 (a) Exclusive or outdated language in the existing goal;

15 (b) Adopting implementation standards;

16 (c) Overcoming barriers to public participation related to time constraints, geography,  
17 technology, language or other processes that reduce access to public participation;

18 (d) Diversity, equity and inclusion;

19 (e) Outreach and education;

20 (f) Racial justice; and

21 (g) Environmental and climate justice.

22 (6) The amended goal is effective 30 days after adoption.

23 (7) The amended goal shall include a renaming of the goal to reflect, to the greatest ex-  
24 tent possible, the broadest and most inclusive public engagement and participation in land  
25 use planning and decision-making processes by all members of the community, including  
26 environmental justice communities, as defined in ORS 182.535.

27 (8) In addition to adopting the amended goal under this section, the advisory committee  
28 shall assist the department with the reports under section 4 of this 2025 Act. The advisory  
29 committee shall hold at least one public hearing, as described in subsection (4) of this sec-  
30 tion, to solicit public feedback on the interim report.

31 (9) The commission or department may request the assistance of any state agency, public  
32 or private organization, including federal agencies, other states and universities, in the  
33 amendment and adoption of the goal.

34 **SECTION 3.** Notwithstanding ORS 197.250, state agencies and local governments shall  
35 amend their comprehensive plans, land use regulations, zoning ordinances, rules, plans and  
36 programs to comply with the changes to the statewide land use planning goals under section  
37 2 of this 2025 Act on or before the date:

38 (1) 180 days after the adoption of the changes for state agencies, for cities with a popu-  
39 lation of more than 25,000 and for counties with a population of more than 250,000.

40 (2) 270 days after the adoption of the changes for cities with a population of at least  
41 10,000 and not more than 25,000 and for counties with a population of at least 100,000 and not  
42 more than 250,000.

43 (3) 540 days after the adoption of the changes for cities with a population of less than  
44 10,000 and for counties with a population of less than 100,000.

45 **SECTION 4.** (1) The Department of Land Conservation and Development, with the as-

1 **sistance of the advisory committee and public participation under section 2 of this 2025 Act,**  
2 **shall study and develop recommendations for the public participation process that the Land**  
3 **Conservation and Development Commission uses to amend, implement and review land use**  
4 **goals under ORS 197.158, 197.160, 197.165, 197.175, 197.225, 197.230, 197.235, 197.240 and 197.245.**

5 **(2) The department shall submit reports on the study in the manner provided by ORS**  
6 **192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the**  
7 **Legislative Assembly related to land use including:**

8 **(a) An interim report no later than August 1, 2026; and**

9 **(b) A final report no later than December 31, 2026.**

10 **SECTION 5. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
11 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**  
12 **on its passage.**

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