

SB 334 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Housing

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires local government to include land designated as urban reserve within its urban growth boundary upon landowner's petition if: provision of urban services is committed within two years; land is subject to covenant for a minimum of 60 years allowing only workforce housing and commercial use, as defined; and land is capable of being rezoned for such use consistent with land use planning goals concerning transportation. Excludes high-value farmland and land designated for protection in an acknowledged comprehensive plan.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon cities develop according to an urban growth boundary (UGB). UGBs are set based upon where and how a city is projected to grow residentially, industrially, and commercially over a 20-year period. Often UGBs include farm, forest, and low-density residential development in unincorporated areas outside city limits, but unlike farm and forestland outside an urban growth boundary, areas within an urban growth boundary are intended for urban development. UGBs are set through a complicated, coordinated effort involving the concerned city, adjoining counties and special districts, and the participation of citizens and other interested parties, in conformity with statewide land use planning goals.

Senate Bill 334 provides a targeted deviation from the existing process of setting an urban growth boundary. Excluding high-value farmland and land designated for protection in an acknowledged comprehensive plan, Senate Bill 334 requires local governments, upon petition by a landowner, to include land designated as urban reserves within its urban growth boundary if the provision of urban services is committed within two years; if the land is subject to covenants for a minimum of 60 years that allow only workforce housing and commercial use, as defined by the measure; and if the land is capable of being rezoned for such use consistent with land use planning goals that concern transportation.