74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

MEASURE: CARRIER:

REVENUE: No revenue impact	
FISCAL: No fiscal impact	
Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	7 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Boquist, Clem, Dingfelder, Macpherson, Maurer, Smith P., Roblan
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/3, 4/24

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Modifies requirements for population forecasting for maintaining and updating comprehensive plans. Authorizes cities to propose a population forecast under certain circumstances and specifies criteria for such forecasts. Authorizes a city to adopt proposed forecasts if county takes no action within six months after receiving a written request if a city provides notice to other local governments in the county and the city includes the adopted forecast in the comprehensive plan or a document included in the plan by reference. Provides that a population forecast adopted by a city satisfies the requirements of the land use planning goal related to urbanization. Authorizes city to rely on the population forecast to conduct an evaluation of the city's urban growth boundary.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Recent rulemaking by the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC)
- Effects of out-of-date population forecast

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Clarifies provisions authorizing city to propose and adopt population forecast. Adds provision specifying that process for establishing a population forecast is in addition to, and not in lieu of, process established in goal and rule by LCDC.

BACKGROUND: ORS 195.036 directs the counties to coordinate population forecast for the entire area within its boundary. These forecasts are necessary to determine land supply needed inside the urban growth boundary and for other planning functions. Last fall, the Land Conservation and Development Commission adopted new administrative rules to streamline the process for local government population forecasts. Under the rules, cities and counties are allowed to extend previous county population forecasts for an urban area on a "straight line" basis to create an up-to-date 20 year forecast. Alternatively, the local governments are authorized to base a new forecast on the trend in a forecast provided by the State Office of Economic Analysis.

HB 3436-A authorizes cities to propose and adopt a population forecast under certain circumstances and specifies the criteria for such forecasts.

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