## 77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY Senate Committee on Rural Communities & Economic Development

MEASURE: SB 743 CARRIER:

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued	
Action:	Without Recommendation as to Passage and Be Referred to the Committee on Rules
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Baertschiger, Burdick, Close, Prozanski, Roblan
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/11

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Authorizes governing body of city to extend boundaries by annexation of noncontiguous territory if: property is within 200 feet of existing city boundary; city was under jurisdiction of boundary commission on January 1, 2007; property owner acquired interest in property prior to January 1, 1973; and property owner has signed contract consenting to annexation in exchange for provision of city services. Sunsets January 1, 2014. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- 2011 legislation that allowed landowners to voluntarily annex into City of Eugene
- Scope of bill limited to Lane County
- Need for additional time to determine next steps and come to agreement

## EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** In 1969, the Legislative Assembly created three local boundary commissions in Multnomah, Marion, and Lane counties with the goal of controlling fragmented service boundaries in Oregon's most populated areas. Determining that boundary commissions were a duplication of government, the Legislative Assembly disbanded the Marion County Commission in the mid-1980's and removed the Multnomah County Commission from statute in 1999. In 2007, Senate Bill 417 abolished the Lane County Boundary Commission.

Prior to 2007, the Lane County Boundary Commission (Commission) was responsible for annexing non-contiguous properties into a city. Annexation is the process of changing municipal boundaries to bring adjacent unincorporated areas into an existing city, typically to provide urban services not presently available. When the Commission was dissolved, the authority to annex a non-contiguous piece of property was lost.. In 2012, House Bill 4089 was passed to allow the small number of property owners in Lane County to annex into the City of Eugene before January 1, 2013. Senate Bill 743 would again offer property owners the opportunity to annex before January 1, 2014.