



**Lane County Legal Aid
and Advocacy Center**
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Vote Aye on SB 1573

SB 1573 corrects a long-standing disconnect between Oregon's land use law and Oregon's annexation policies. As a component of a comprehensive approach to housing issues in 2016, the bill comes to you with the support of the above-referenced multi-disciplinary stakeholders urging an Aye vote.

In over 30 cities in Oregon, city charters require a citywide vote on any annexations. This is fundamentally contrary to Oregon's land use planning system, and might result in land not being developed to its planned potential. This might lead to an urban growth boundary being expanded sooner than necessary.

SB 1573 addresses this situation by prohibiting city-wide annexation voting, but only in situations where:

- The land is inside the urban growth boundary and planned for growth in the city's adopted comprehensive plan
- The land is adjacent to or across a street from the city limits
- It is voluntary, as all the affected property owners agree to being annexed
- The annexation proposal meets all the city standards for annexation

With passage of this bill, Oregon's land use policy and annexation law will be brought back into alignment after a 40-year disconnect.

We urge your Aye vote.

From the Desk of
Senator
Lee Beyer