

Senate Bill 608

Sponsored by Senator KNOPP; Representative NEARMAN (Pre-session filed.)

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**.

Authorizes local government to expedite inclusion within urban growth boundary of land dedicated to needed housing.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to urban growth boundary expansion to address low vacancy rates; creating new pro-
3 visions; amending ORS 197.298 and 197.825; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2017 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 197.295 to**
6 **197.314.**

7 **SECTION 2. (1) Notwithstanding ORS 197.296 or 197.298 or a statewide planning goal ad-**
8 **dresssing urbanization, a local government may amend its urban growth boundary to include**
9 **land for needed housing if the local government determines that in the immediately preced-**
10 **ing calendar year:**

11 (a) **The number of new households within the jurisdiction of the local government ex-**
12 **ceeded the number of new housing units within the jurisdiction; and**

13 (b) **The average monthly vacancy rate for rental units within the jurisdiction of the local**
14 **government did not exceed six percent.**

15 (2) **Notwithstanding the priority for inclusion of land under ORS 197.298, a local govern-**
16 **ment that amends its urban growth boundary pursuant to this section shall prioritize the**
17 **inclusion of land dedicated to needed housing that is:**

18 (a) **Adjacent to the urban growth boundary;**

19 (b) **Served, or capable of being served within one year, by transportation facilities, sewer**
20 **and water service and other public facilities that are necessary for the development of**
21 **needed housing; and**

22 (c) **An adequate amount of buildable land to meet the projected demand for new housing**
23 **units for the jurisdiction of the local government.**

24 (3) **For the first 10 years following the amendment of an urban growth boundary under**
25 **this section, a local government shall ensure that housing developed on the included land**
26 **continues to be used to provide needed housing through:**

27 (a) **Zoning restrictions; or**

28 (b) **Regulations, provisions or requirements described in ORS 197.309.**

29 (4) **A decision by a local government to amend its urban growth boundary pursuant to**
30 **this section is subject to approval by:**

31 (a) **The city to which the land included by the amendment will be annexed; and**

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) The owners of land included by the amendment, by unanimous consent.**

2 **(5) For the first 10 years following the amendment of an urban growth boundary under**
 3 **this section, a local government may not:**

4 **(a) Rezone land included within its urban growth boundary pursuant to this section to**
 5 **allow a use other than the use allowed under this section.**

6 **(b) Convert land included within an urban growth boundary pursuant to this section for**
 7 **uses other than needed housing.**

8 **(6) Upon receipt of the approvals required under subsection (4) of this section, land in-**
 9 **cluded within an urban growth boundary pursuant to this section is considered annexed to**
 10 **the city with the longest contiguous adjacent city limit.**

11 **SECTION 3.** ORS 197.298 is amended to read:

12 197.298. (1) In addition to any requirements established by rule addressing urbanization, land
 13 may not be included within an urban growth boundary of Metro except under the following priori-
 14 ties:

15 (a) First priority is land that is designated urban reserve land under ORS 195.145, rule or met-
 16 ropolitan service district action plan.

17 (b) If land under paragraph (a) of this subsection is inadequate to accommodate the amount of
 18 land needed, second priority is land adjacent to an urban growth boundary that is identified in an
 19 acknowledged comprehensive plan as an exception area or nonresource land. Second priority may
 20 include resource land that is completely surrounded by exception areas unless such resource land
 21 is high-value farmland as described in ORS 215.710.

22 (c) If land under paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection is inadequate to accommodate the
 23 amount of land needed, third priority is land designated as marginal land pursuant to ORS 197.247
 24 (1991 Edition).

25 (d) If land under paragraphs (a) to (c) of this subsection is inadequate to accommodate the
 26 amount of land needed, fourth priority is land designated in an acknowledged comprehensive plan
 27 for agriculture or forestry, or both.

28 (2) Higher priority shall be given to land of lower capability as measured by the capability
 29 classification system or by cubic foot site class, whichever is appropriate for the current use.

30 (3) Land of lower priority under subsection (1) of this section may be included in an urban
 31 growth boundary if land of higher priority is found to be inadequate to accommodate the amount
 32 of land [*estimated in*] **identified for inclusion in the urban growth boundary under** subsection (1)
 33 of this section for one or more of the following reasons:

34 (a) Specific types of identified land needs cannot be reasonably accommodated on higher priority
 35 lands;

36 (b) Future urban services could not reasonably be provided to the higher priority lands due to
 37 topographical or other physical constraints; or

38 (c) Maximum efficiency of land uses within a proposed urban growth boundary requires inclusion
 39 of lower priority lands in order to include or to provide services to higher priority lands.

40 (4) When a city includes land within the urban growth boundary of the city pursuant to ORS
 41 197.295 to 197.314, the city shall prioritize lands for inclusion as provided in ORS 197A.320.

42 **(5) Subsections (1) to (3) of this section do not apply to inclusion within an urban growth**
 43 **boundary of land dedicated to needed housing under section 2 of this 2017 Act.**

44 **SECTION 4.** ORS 197.825 is amended to read:

45 197.825. (1) Except as provided in ORS 197.320 and subsections (2) and (3) of this section, the

1 Land Use Board of Appeals shall have exclusive jurisdiction to review any land use decision or
2 limited land use decision of a local government, special district or a state agency in the manner
3 provided in ORS 197.830 to 197.845.

4 (2) The jurisdiction of the board:

5 (a) Is limited to those cases in which the petitioner has exhausted all remedies available by right
6 before petitioning the board for review;

7 (b) Is subject to the provisions of ORS 197.850 relating to judicial review by the Court of Ap-
8 peals;

9 (c) Does not include a local government decision that is:

10 (A) Submitted to the Department of Land Conservation and Development for acknowledgment
11 under ORS 197.251, 197.626 or 197.628 to 197.651 or a matter arising out of a local government de-
12 cision submitted to the department for acknowledgment, unless the Director of the Department of
13 Land Conservation and Development, in the director's sole discretion, transfers the matter to the
14 board; or

15 (B) Subject to the review authority of the department under ORS 197.430, 197.445, 197.450 or
16 197.455 or a matter related to a local government decision subject to the review authority of the
17 department under ORS 197.430, 197.445, 197.450 or 197.455;

18 (d) Does not include those land use decisions of a state agency over which the Court of Appeals
19 has jurisdiction for initial judicial review under ORS 183.400, 183.482 or other statutory provisions;

20 (e) Does not include any rules, programs, decisions, determinations or activities carried out un-
21 der ORS 527.610 to 527.770, 527.990 (1) and 527.992;

22 (f) Is subject to ORS 196.115 for any county land use decision that may be reviewed by the
23 Columbia River Gorge Commission pursuant to sections 10(c) or 15(a)(2) of the Columbia River
24 Gorge National Scenic Area Act, P.L. 99-663; and

25 (g) Does not include review of expedited land divisions under ORS 197.360.

26 (3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, the circuit courts of this state retain juris-
27 diction:

28 (a) To grant declaratory, injunctive or mandatory relief in proceedings arising from decisions
29 described in ORS 197.015 (10)(b) **or section 2 of this 2017 Act** or proceedings brought to enforce
30 the provisions of an adopted comprehensive plan or land use regulations; and

31 (b) To enforce orders of the board in appropriate proceedings brought by the board or a party
32 to the board proceeding resulting in the order.

33 **SECTION 5. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
34 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect**
35 **on its passage.**

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