

HB 2315 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Land Use

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows providers of public parks, providers of open space, and non-for-profit land conservation organizations to acquire, rather than purchase, parcels resulting from EFU-zoned land divisions that do not meet minimum parcel size requirements.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2007, the legislature passed House Bill 2992, which allowed counties to approve land divisions in forest or mixed farm and forest zones that resulted in parcels smaller than minimum parcel size requirements if the proposed division was for the purpose of allowing public parks providers, open space providers, and not-for-profit land conservation organizations to purchase a resulting parcel. The term 'purchase' currently restricts county land division authorizations and does not allow for property donations to these entities.

House Bill 2315 would allow providers of public parks, providers of open space, and non-for-profit land conservation organizations to acquire, rather than purchase, parcels resulting from EFU-zoned land divisions that do not meet minimum parcel size requirements.