

HB 2919 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Land Use

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows public or private schools on land zoned for exclusive farm use to expand to contiguous land owned by the school. Specifies that the expansion does not require the conditional approval of a local government. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon's Statewide Planning Goal 3, 'Agricultural Lands,' requires all agricultural lands to be inventoried and preserved by adopting exclusive farm use (EFU) zones. Farm uses allowed on EFU-zoned lands include: raising, harvesting, and selling crops; feeding, breeding, managing, and selling certain animals; and preparing, storing, and disposing of products and by-products raised on these lands. Certain nonfarm uses may also be allowed on EFU-zoned lands. Common nonfarm uses listed under ORS 215.283 include commercial activities in conjunction with farm uses, utility facilities necessary for public service, and certain road improvement projects, schools, community centers, churches, parks and playgrounds, and dwellings. Counties are responsible for planning and zoning, subject to approval by the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development.

House Bill 2919 would allow schools on land zoned for exclusive farm use to expand to contiguous land owned by the school, and would allow the expansion to occur without the conditional approval of a local government.