

SB 2 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Land Use

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes a listed county that has adopted an economic opportunity analysis as part of its comprehensive plan to amend its comprehensive plan, land use regulations, and zoning map to designate not more than 10 sites outside an urban growth boundary as potential sites for industrial or other employment uses without requiring an exception to any statewide land use planning goal related to agriculture, forest use, or urbanization. Limits cumulative total of sites to not more than 50 acres. Defines "economic opportunity analysis." Defines "listed county" to include Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Lake, Malheur, Sherman, Union, Wallowa, or Wheeler County. Prohibits site designation: (1) on any lands designated as high-value farmland as defined in ORS 195.300; (2) unless, for land within 10 miles of the urban growth boundary of a city, the county notifies the city at least 21 days prior to taking action and, if the city objects, negotiates with the city to establish conditions to mitigate concerns raised by the city's objection; or (3) if any portion of the proposed site is for lands designated for forest use unless the county notifies the State Forester in writing not less than 21 days prior to designation and cooperates with the State Forester in specified actions. Prohibits a county from allowing a use under this measure that would conflict with an administrative rule adopted to implement the Oregon Sage-Grouse Action Plan (Plan) and Executive Order 15-18, which directs Plan adoption and implementation.

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

SENATE FLOOR VOTE: 26-2-2; Nays: Boquist, Linthicum; Excused: Beyer, Knopp

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Comprehensive land use plans are required for cities and counties, and include statements of issues and problems to be addressed, various inventories and other technical information, the goals and policies for addressing the issues and problems, and implementation measures. Plans must be done in accordance with state standards outlined in statute, statewide planning goals, and administrative rules.

Senate Bill 2 A would authorize certain counties in eastern Oregon that have adopted an economic opportunity analysis as part of a comprehensive plan to designate not more than 10 sites outside an urban growth boundary as potential sites for industrial or other employment uses without requiring an exception to any statewide land use planning goal related to agriculture, forest use, or urbanization.