

HB 2336 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Knopp

Senate Committee On Housing

Action Date: 04/01/19

Action: Do pass the A-Eng bill.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Fagan, Golden, Heard, Knopp, Monnes Anderson

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Removes the requirement for a city to have population under 25,000 in order to participate in the affordable housing pilot program administered by the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) if no qualifying nomination is received for a city of that size. Specifies August 17, 2018 cut-off date for eligibility.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of affordable housing pilot program
- Not letting preparatory efforts to go to waste
- Plan to include housing for a variety of incomes
- Importance of taking steps to increase housing supply

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2016, the Legislative Assembly enacted House Bill 4079, creating an affordable housing pilot program to be implemented by the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC). The measure specified that two projects would be selected from sites nominated by local governments: a city with a population less than 25,000, and a city with a population more than 25,000. The measure targeted a number of counties; imposed certain planning requirements on nominating local governments; and set forth criteria for LCDC to apply when making selections. Bend and Redmond were the only two applicants and both have populations over 25,000, so they were in competition with one another, and Bend was selected. Bend's population is over 90,000 and Redmond is just under 30,000.

House Bill 2336-A allows Redmond to participate in the pilot program since no cities with populations less than 25,000 were nominated.