

**SB 294 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Bonham

**House Committee On Business and Labor**

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**Action Date:** 05/08/19

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Vote:** 9-0-2-0

**Yeas:** 9 - Barker, Barreto, Boles, Bonham, Boshart Davis, Bynum, Doherty, Evans, Fahey

**Exc:** 2 - Clem, Holvey

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** Has minimal revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/24, 5/8

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Authorizes annexation of land to pioneer cemetery maintenance district in rural county and outside urban growth boundary upon petition by owner and endorsement of governing body of district. Requires board of affected county to approve district's petition if specified requirements are met and requires board to file boundary change with county assessor and Department of Revenue.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Providing opportunity for property owner to opt into maintenance district

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Current statute allows for the formation of cemetery maintenance districts, which are special districts authorized to own, hold, and operate land for cemetery purposes. Senate Bill 294 establishes the pioneer cemetery district as a cemetery maintenance district located in a county with a population less than 20,000 and which operates a cemetery outside of any city's urban growth boundary. The measure allows pioneer cemetery maintenance districts to annex land at the request of the owner and with the endorsement of the pioneer cemetery maintenance district board.

The following counties meet the definition of rural by having a population under 20,000 as of July 1, 2018: Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Lake, Morrow, Sherman, Wallowa, and Wheeler.