

HB 2160 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery

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Meeting Dates: 5/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) to select an affordable housing pilot project nominated by the City of Pendleton, subject to certain conditions. Requires that application must be submitted to, and approved by, LCDC on or before June 30, 2023. Sunsets the affordable housing pilot program named in this Act on January 2, 2028. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

House Vote: Ayes, 54; Nays, 1--Evans; Excused, 4--Lively, Morgan, Smith G, Wallan

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2016, to address an affordable housing shortfall in some rural counties, the Legislative Assembly enacted House Bill 4079, authorizing the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) to select two affordable housing pilot projects nominated by local governments. The measure specified that two projects would be selected from sites nominated by local governments: one from a city with a population less than 25,000, and one from a city with a population greater than 25,000. The measure targeted specific Oregon counties and imposed certain planning requirements on nominating local governments, including limiting the total acreage of all lots and parcels included in each pilot site to 50 acres or less.

Bend and Redmond, both cities with populations over 25,000, were the only two applicants for the original pilot program, and Bend was selected. A subsequent measure in 2019, House Bill 2336, allowed Redmond to be selected since no cities with a population of less than 25,000 nominated a qualified pilot project. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Pendleton had a population of 16,733 in 2019.

House Bill 2160 would allow LCDC to select an affordable housing pilot project that is nominated by the City of Pendleton, subject to certain conditions. The measure sunsets the affordable housing pilot program on January 2, 2028.