

HB 2203 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies statutes related to permitted uses on lands zoned for exclusive farm use to allow a recreational vehicle used to protect farm equipment or crops on a temporary basis to be sited on land zoned for exclusive farm use.

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

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Changes the purpose of the recreational vehicle siting from protection of a farm use to protection of existing commercial farm operations. Removes language that specifies the temporary limitation of the use as 'no more than five months per year'.

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

FISCAL: Has fiscal impact

BACKGROUND:

Oregon's Statewide Land Use 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 raised on these lands. Certain nonfarm uses are also allowed on EFU-zoned lands.

Recreational vehicles (RVs) are motor vehicles or trailers generally designed for accommodation. While it is not illegal to live in an RV full-time in Oregon, RVs are not currently a permitted use on EFU lands.

House Bill 2203 would allow the use of recreational vehicles used to protect farm equipment to be sited on farm land.