

SB 437 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Housing and Development

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prevents planned communities from prohibiting or restricting owners, or tenants of owners with landlord approval, from producing food products on owner’s lot, including gardening, hen-keeping, or beekeeping. Allows planned communities to enforce regulations applicable to food production.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Planned communities, defined by Oregon statute 94.550, include any subdivision resulting in a pattern of ownership of real property and the buildings and improvements in which owners are collectively responsible for maintenance, operation, insurance, or other expenses relating to the property. Condominiums, exclusively commercial and industrial subdivisions, and timeshare plans are excluded from the definition. Governing documents for these communities include provisions relating to common ownership and maintenance of the community and are binding upon the community’s lots.

Senate Bill 437 prevents planned communities’ governing documents or guidelines from prohibiting food production on owners’ lots but allows them to enforce food production related regulations.