

SB 1068 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows owners to consent to addition of their land to rural fire protection district and authorizes board of directors of district to annex to district, under certain circumstances, lands within coverage area of district. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2021, a similar bill passed the senate (Senate Bill 605-A). In 2022, a similar bill passed the senate (Senate Bill 1582-A) . Senator Frederick sponsored both of these bills and Senate Bill 1068, at the request of Douglas County Fire District No. 2 Chief Robert Bullock and Board Director Guadalupe Preciado-McAlister.

According to the Department of Revenue’s Oregon Property Tax Statistics report supplement, there are 260 fire districts in Oregon. Douglas County has 25 fire districts, more than any other county.

“Coverage area” means an area established by a district that consists of: (A) Lands that are included in the district; and (B) Some or all of the lands that are within seven road miles of a fire station in the district and are not included in any other district.