



Metro

HB 2356

House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water
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Purpose

- Reduce costs and delays to development in Metro region
- Cut unnecessary, duplicative “red tape”
- Respond to feedback from property owners, developers, and Metro region cities



Boundaries on city development

Urban Growth Boundary

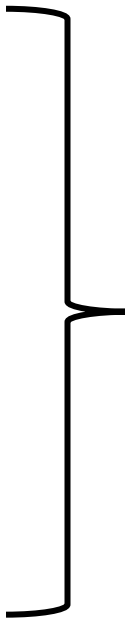
Separates rural lands from
“urbanizable” lands

Metro District Boundary

Metro’s electoral and
service district boundary

City Limits

Corporate boundaries of a city



For Metro’s cities, land **must be in all three**
to urbanize (develop)

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- Separate annexation processes with **separate applications**
- Applications are **costly and duplicative**

Scale of the issue: small but impactful

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Today:

- $\approx 1,000$ tax lots ($\approx 1,500$ acres) already in UGB still outside of both Metro District Boundary and city limits
- At current rates, may take **50 years** to annex these territories into Metro District Boundary
- Cities' development of housing and employment uses constrained

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With this bill:

- Territory already in Metro UGB is “automatically” annexed into the Metro District Boundary when annexed by a city
- No change to UGB expansion requirements
- No change to city annexation requirements
- No “retroactive” annexations to Metro District
- Removal of a – redundant and costly – Metro District annexation application requirement

Metro supports adoption of HB 2356

