

## SB 1129 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Senate Committee On Housing and Development

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure requires the Land Conservation and Development Commission to amend its rules to prioritize certain types of land when adding to urban reserves.

#### Detailed Summary:

Requires the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) to amend its rules regarding the creation of urban reserves in order to:

- Prioritize adding lands that are zoned for exclusive farm use (EFU) but have poor quality soils, limited water rights, or minimal or nonexistent current or recent farm use; and to
- allow local governments to lower the priority of lands that are used as rural residential subdivision or partitions or other rural planned developments if they are able to show through analysis that:
  - Expanding urban reserves onto those lands would be cost-prohibitive; or
  - other factors make it unlikely to increase housing capacity on those lands.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

*Fiscal Impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.*

*Revenue Impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.*

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Each Oregon city is surrounded by an urban growth boundary (UGB); a line drawn on planning maps to designate where a city expects to grow over a 20-year period and where development is allowed to occur. Building restrictions in areas outside of a UGB protect farm and forest resource land and prohibit urban development in those areas. In 2007, the Oregon Legislature passed [Senate Bill 1011](#) to allow Metro and metro-area counties to designate lands that might be added to the UGB as part of the a 50-year plan for the region's growth. Urban reserves are coupled with rural reserves, which are intended to provide long-term protection for large blocks of agricultural land, forest land, and other important natural landscape features by limiting urban development on those lands. [House Bill 2001 \(2023\)](#) allowed cities with a population of greater than 10,000 outside of the Portland metro region to adopt urban and rural reserves as a result of a required survey of buildable lands.