

HB 2356 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Housing and Development

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure establishes that when a city within the urban growth boundary (UGB) of a metropolitan service district annexes territory, and that territory is within the UGB of the district, the territory is annexed to the district without any further process. The provision applies to lands annexed by a city on or after the effective date of the Act.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Length of time, under current processes, to annex existing lots or parcels into the Metro service district
- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In Oregon, a metropolitan service district may be formed under [ORS Chapter 268](#). Formed in 1979 to coordinate service provision and policy across the greater Portland metropolitan area, [Metro](#) covers approximately 460 square miles of the urban portions of Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties. There are 25 cities in the Metro service area, including Beaverton, Gresham, Hillsboro, Lake Oswego, Milwaukie, Oregon City, and Portland. Metro is responsible for a broad range of services including managing the region's recycling and garbage services, managing the boundaries of urban and rural land, coordinating and planning transportation investments in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties, as well as managing 17,000 acres of parks, trails, and natural areas and running the Oregon Zoo, Oregon Convention Center, Portland Expo Center, and Portland's five Centers for the Arts. Metro is governed by the seven-member Metro Council (Council). The Council consists of six nonpartisan councilors who are elected by district, each to a four-year term, and one region-wide Council president.

Annexation is the process of incorporating a piece of property into the boundaries of a city or special district, making the property and those who live there eligible for services provided by the city or district.