

HB 2356 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Carrier: Sen. Pham

Action Date: 04/28/25

Action: Do pass the A-Eng bill.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Anderson, Broadman, Nash, Patterson, Pham

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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Meeting Dates: 4/16, 4/28

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 measure's effective date.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current annexation process
- 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, as well as coordinating and planning transportation and homelessness services investments in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties.

For cities within Metro, land must be included within the urban growth boundary (UGB), the city limits of a given locality, and the Metro special district to be eligible for urbanization. There are currently about 1,000 tax lots that are already included within the UGB but are outside of both a city limit and the Metro special district boundary. Under current law, these tax lots would need to be annexed to the city in question in a separate process from annexation to the Metro district, incurring a separate fee from Metro for each annexation.