EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Action: Ratification of Unanimous Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) Committee Actions and Discussion and Action on Non-unanimous IGR Actions on Legislative Policy from January 27, 2010

Meeting Date: February 8, 2010

Department: City Manager's Office

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Agenda Item Number: 3

Staff Contact: Brenda Wilson

Contact Telephone Number: 682-8441

ISSUE STATEMENT

This is an action item to ratify the unanimous actions of the Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) Committee from the January 27, 2010, IGR Committee meetings.

BACKGROUND

As a matter of procedure, during the legislative session, the City Council is routinely asked to ratify the actions taken by the Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) Committee on legislation. The IGR Committee reviews all bills and their associated staff recommendations and provides direction for each piece of legislation introduced during the legislative session.

Any member of the IGR Committee may pull a bill off the IGR Bill Report for discussion. If a bill is not pulled for discussion, the staff recommendation stands. If a bill is pulled for discussion, the IGR Committee may keep or change the staff recommendation. Actions on which the IGR committee is not unanimous must be brought before the full City Council for consideration. These bills must be addressed by the full council in order to provide direction to staff in Salem.

The IGR Committee met on January 27, 2010, to review staff recommendations on some of the bills that have been introduced in the state legislature for the 2010 Special Session taking place this month. Those bills are set out in Attachment A. The IGR Committee pulled nine bills/legislative concepts for discussion. Of the nine bills or concepts pulled for discussion, the IGR Committee's vote was unanimous on eight. The votes on those bills are set out in Attachment B.

The IGR Committee vote on House Bill 3608 (HB 3608) was not unanimous. Accordingly, the full council must provide direction before this bill can be lobbied in Salem. HB 3608 is set out below. Staff comments for the bill are provided in Attachment C. I have also included a copy of the bill as an attachment.

HB 3608: This bill would establish several tax credits: for transportation of woody biomass from forest management operations to biofuel producer; for biomass electrical generation based on kilowatt hours of electricity produced; for the purchase of equipment to collect or process waste materials or to manufacture products from waste materials. The bill would also direct the Oregon State Department of Energy to conduct a study of biomass facilities in the state.

Staff Recommendation: Priority 2 Support or Neutral

IGR Committee Vote: Priority 2 Oppose (Councilor Taylor – no second)

Councilor Taylor moved to oppose the bill; Councilor Ortiz seconded the bill for discussion. Councilor Ortiz amended the position to monitor; Councilor Poling seconded the motion. Councilor Taylor voted against the motion. Back to main motion of Priority 2 Oppose. (Councilor Taylor voting Yes / Councilors Ortiz and Poling voting No)

Councilor Taylor expressed concern about the provision of tax credits, which the bill would give for transportation of woody biomass from forest management operations to biofuel producers.

RELATED CITY POLICIES

Ratification of IGR Committee actions is the making or affirming of the City of Eugene's policy with respect to federal and state legislative issues or such other matters as may come to the council from the committee.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

The council may ratify or decline to ratify the IGR Committee's unanimous actions and approval of staff recommendations. Actions on which the IGR committee is not unanimous must be addressed by the full council in order to provide direction to staff in Salem.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

The City Manager recommends ratification of the IGR Committee's actions and that there be a discussion on the actions that were not unanimous.

SUGGESTED MOTION

Move to ratify the IGR Committee's unanimous actions on bills and approval of staff recommendations in the January 27, 2010, IGR Bill Reports for bills not pulled for discussion at those IGR meetings.

There also need to be motions to state positions for each bill listed above where the IGR Committee action was not unanimous.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. January 27, 2010, IGR Bill Report
- B. Actions on Bills Pulled for Discussion
- C. Bill and Staff Comments on Non-Unanimous Action

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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ATTACHMENT A

IGR BILL REPORT JANUARY 27, 2010

REPORT DATE RANGE: JANUARY 11, 2010 thru JANUARY 20, 2010 CITY OF EUGENE

LC 24

Relating Clause: Relating to transportation; creating new provisions; amending ORS 366.752,

805.092, 810.438 and 818.200 and section 2, chapter 859, Oregon Laws 2007, sections 3 and 4, chapter 823, Oregon Laws 2009, and section 5, chapter 865,

Oregon Laws 2009; and declaring an emergency.

Title: Eliminates required contribution for statewide multimodal study after June 30,

> 2009. Makes technical correction to law governing allocation of amounts generated by increases in vehicle registration fees. Alters requirements for lowspeed vehicle and medium-speed electric vehicle safety standards. Provides that

moneys received by Oregon Historical Society from issuance of Pacific

Wonderland registration plates may be used for purposes other than establishing and maintaining Oregon History Center at State Capitol. Requires that, under certain circumstances, photo radar sign indicate school is in session. Expands scope of variance permits. Directs Department of Transportation to submit quarterly report on revenue raised from certain increased fees and taxes. Declares

emergency, effective on passage.

Contact Respondent Dept Updated Priority **Policy** Policy No Recommendation Larry Hill CS-FIN 01/11/2010 Monitor

This appears to be a collection of odds and ends and technical fixes. There is nothing in Comments:

the current draft that is alarming for cities. Because of the broad relating clause it should

be monitored and amendments should be closely examined. I recommend monitor.

Contact Respondent Updated Priority **Policy** Policy No Recommendation Dept Eric Jones PW-ADM 01/20/2010 Monitor

I would recommend a position of monitor priority 2 for Legislative Concept 24 any and Comments:

all concepts relating to the transportation bill, particularly because it seems like there's going to be some wrangling over transportation bill amendments, and we need to track these amendments to determine if any present significant issues to the City. I do not see

any significant issues in this LC, as drafted.

Contact Respondent **Updated Priority Policy Policy No** Recommendation <u>Dept</u>

Rob Inerfeld **PWE** 01/20/2010 Monitor

Comments: I agree with Eric's comments.

LC 96

Relating Clause: Relating to contracts for housing developments; creating new provisions; and

amending ORS 456.625.

Title: Authorizes Housing and Community Services Department to contract to provide

compliance monitoring or other administrative functions regarding housing

developments and affordable housing.

ContactRespondentDeptUpdatedPriorityPolicyPolicy NoRecommendationRichie WeinmanPDD-DEV 01/11/2010Pri 3Support

Comments: I'd say we support LC 96 but I wouldn't spend any energy on it. I doubt that it will be

controversial. So, support level 3 and OHCS needs to have the tools it needs to monitor

the funds it allocates for affordable housing.

LC 108

Relating Clause: Relating to land reserves; creating new provisions; amending ORS 195.141 and

195.145; and declaring an emergency.

Title: Provides that counties and metropolitan service districts may not, after having

cooperatively designated land as urban reserve, designate additional land as urban reserve until at least 50 percent of previously designated urban reserves have been included within urban growth boundary of district. Declares

emergency, effective on passage.

ContactRespondentDeptUpdatedPriorityPolicyPolicy NoRecommendationSteve NystromPDD-ADM 01/19/2010Pri 2Oppose

Comments:

This bill would limit a city's ability to add any land to their designated urban reserve areas until at least 50% of the previously established urban reserved were brought into the UGB. As background, the state allows cities to establish urban reserves as priority areas for future UGB expansion, should the city determine as expansion is needed. While cities are not required to establish urban reserves (the city of Eugene does not have any established urban reserves at this time), it's possible such reserves could be established in the future. Cities would essentially need to live with the urban reserves originally established until 50% of that area is brought into the UGB. This would bill would preclude cities from revisiting any new opportunities in the interim. If other potential viable (and perhaps more appropriate) urban reserve areas emerged over time, the opportunity to revisit our designations would be significantly limited. Given the lack of flexibility this bill would afford, staff recommend this bill be opposed.

LC 116

Relating Clause: Relating to containers made with bisphenol A; creating new provisions;

amending ORS 646.608; and prescribing an effective date.

Title: Creates unlawful practice of manufacturing, distributing or selling liquid or food

in container made with bisphenol A if liquid or food is intended primarily for consumption by child under three years of age. Creates unlawful practice of manufacturing, distributing or selling container made with bisphenol A if container is designed to be filled with liquid or food intended primarily for consumption by child under three years of age. Takes effect January 1, 2012.

ContactRespondentDeptUpdatedPriorityPolicyPolicy NoRecommendationBrenda WilsonCMO-IGR01/11/2010Pri 3Support

Comments: For discussion by the IGR of broad public policy issue.

LC 117

Relating Clause: Relating to paying the prevailing rate of wage for solar energy systems; creating

new provisions; amending ORS 279C.800; and declaring an emergency.

Title: Subjects public works involving construction or installation of solar energy

system to payment of prevailing rate of wage. Declares emergency, effective on

passage.

Contact
Eric JonesRespondent
PW-ADMDept
PW-ADMUpdated
01/11/2010Priority
Pri 3Policy
Policy No
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Support

Comments: Pending Paul Klope's analysis, I agree with Mike that this is a pretty low-level piece of

legislation from Eugene's perspective. Technology increasingly makes use of solar-powered traffic control and lighting systems, but these systems are almost always installed as subcontracts to much larger projects that are subject to prevailing wage laws.

Priority 3 support seems about right to me.

Comments: I agree with Eric and Mike.

ContactRespondentDeptUpdatedPriorityPolicyPolicy NoRecommendationMike PenwellCS-FAC01/11/2010Pri 3Support

Comments: Applying prevailing wage rates to public works involving the construction of solar

energy systems seems consistent with the intent and practice of current prevailing wage

rate laws, but this is a pretty low priority piece of legislation for the City of Eugene in my opinion.

ContactRespondentDeptUpdatedPriorityPolicyPolicy NoRecommendationPaul KlopePWE01/11/2010Pri 3Support

Comments: I agree.

LC 123

Relating Clause: Relating to renewable energy sources used to comply with a renewable portfolio

standard; creating new provisions; amending ORS 469A.020 and 469A.025; and

declaring an emergency.

Title: Allows facilities that generate electricity by using biomass or combusting

municipal solid waste to comply with renewable portfolio standard under certain conditions. Specifies conditions under which State Department of Energy may certify facilities as eligible for renewable energy certificates. Authorizes full recovery of costs by public utilities in prudent energy investments related to planning, financing, construction and operating by hydrogen power stations.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ContactRespondentDeptUpdatedPriorityPolicyPolicy NoRecommendationEthan NelsonPDD-BPS01/13/2010Pri 2Oppose

Comments:

Reasons: a. 5(a): By allowing generation from facilities in service prior to the 1995 date in the RPS, disincentives new investments in renewable energy technologies and allows generation from biomass facilities already calculated into ODOE's energy plans. Oregonians get no net gain. b. 5(b): linked with 5a but further allows REC's to be banked for use after 2026. Again, provides financial disincentive toward investments in new clean renewable energy or conservation. c. 5(c): Okay section if this is decoupled from a and b. But I am thinking there is an existing provision within the RPS legislation that allows non-conforming generation units to be upgraded to meet the requirements (but not sure). d. 6: Combustion of solid waste cannot be thrown into this without better research and qualifications on what is being sent to the incinerator. This provision incentives greater disposal and disincentives diversion and prevention opportunities. Also, existing technologies such as the Marion County incinerator do nothing to add renewable capacity to the system (again, already part of ODOE's energy plan calculations). e. Section 2: The language is way too loose to support. What criteria will the PUC use in determining "prudent investments"? This can move forward separate from the RPS provisions in this LC. It is fine to request cost recovery through rates when investing in new technologies, but that needs to be carefully evaluated and monitored, which is not how this bill is written. f. Section 3 6(a-c): Read comments on d above. MSW incineration should qualify as renewable energy, only if there are other concomitant steps taken to improve the diversion and prevention of wastes. What is happening is a "garbage to gold" strategy that does not address the carbon or natural resource impacts of waste generation in the first place. A comprehensive waste bill that addresses lifecycle should move forward with an incineration element and then update the RPS legislation only after the former has occurred. g. Last sections are administrative.

LC 139

Relating Clause: Relating to construction in connection with residential property; creating new

provisions; amending ORS 87.007, 701.005, 701.010, 701.031, 701.410 and

701.420; repealing ORS 87.091; and declaring an emergency.

Title: Removes ability of purchaser of residential property to waive protection against

claim of lien. Provides that unlicensed contractor may not file or perfect claim of lien against owner's property if unlicensed contractor participated in performing home improvement on owner's property. Provides that material supplier may not

file or perfect lien against owner's property if material supplier provided

materials to unlicensed contractor. Authorizes Construction Contractors Board to notify person of contractor's license status and to charge for cost of notification. Specifies form by which subcontractor or material supplier may waive right to claim of lien. Prohibits contractors as condition of commencing or performing home improvement from charging owner deposit or other sum larger than amount board sets by rule. Permits owner to withhold percentage of contract price for home improvement as retainage pending owner's acceptance of work or

receipt of waivers from subcontractors and material suppliers. Specifies form of notice informing owner of right to withhold retainage. Declares emergency,

effective on passage.

See Mark Whitmill comments on this LC.

ContactRespondentDeptUpdatedPriorityPolicyPolicy NoRecommendationMike PenwellCS-FAC01/11/2010--

Contact Respondent Dept Updated Priority Policy Policy No Recommendation

Mark Whitmill PDD-BPS 01/13/2010 Monitor

Comments: I recommend monitor, Priority 3. As written the concept will not have any impact on

BPS.

LC 140

Comments:

Relating Clause: Relating to transportation; creating new provisions; amending ORS 366.752,

805.092, 811.210 and 818.200 and section 2, chapter 859, Oregon Laws 2007, sections 3 and 4, chapter 823, Oregon Laws 2009, and section 5, chapter 865,

Oregon Laws 2009; and declaring an emergency.

Title: Eliminates required contribution for statewide multimodal study after December

31, 2009. Makes technical correction to law governing allocation of amounts

generated by increases in vehicle registration fees. Alters requirements for low-speed vehicle and medium-speed electric vehicle safety standards. Provides that moneys received by Oregon Historical Society from issuance of Pacific Wonderland registration plates may be used for purposes other than establishing and maintaining Oregon History Center at State Capitol. Restricts requirement that parents and other persons responsible for safety and welfare of child who is under 16 years of age secure child with safety system, safety belt or safety harness when child operates or is passenger in or on certain all-terrain vehicles to operation of vehicles on public lands. Expands scope of variance permits. Directs Department of Transportation to submit quarterly report on revenue raised from certain increased fees and taxes. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

Contact	Respondent	<u>Dept</u>	<u>Updated</u>	Priority	Policy	Policy No	Recommendation
Tom Larsen		PWM	01/13/2010				Monitor

Comments:

The way I read the original bill low speed vehicles and medium speed electric vehicles would need to comply with "any vehicle safety standards" established at the Federal level. I liked this part of the original. To remove it as housekeeping because there is no Federal safety standard for low or medium speed vehicles works against public safety. These low or medium speed vehicles will be on the road with standard vehicles. They may not be able to reach 50 MPH on their own, but could be hit by another vehicle travelling 50 or more. ODOT muyst still write the regulations so it is premature to say that things like seat belts, turn signals and defrosters won't be required. Depending on how hard ODOT is lobbied could influence how much safety equipment is actually required. Leaving the language in about meeting all federal safety rules for any vehicle will make a safer vehicle more predictable.

<u>Contact</u>	Respondent	<u>Dept</u>	<u>Updated</u>	<u>Priority</u>	Policy	Policy No	Recommendation
Rob Inerfeld	Lee Shoemaker	PWE	01/19/2010				Neutral or Drop

Comments:

This is mainly clean-up language regarding adopted fees, requirements for reports on fees, and some variances that road authorities may make for special conditions. We will defer to Tom Larsen or others if they have strong opinions on how this would affect Eugene.

Contact	Respondent	<u>Dept</u>	<u>Updated</u>	Priority	Policy	Policy No	Recommendation
Eric Jones		PW-ADM	01/12/2010				Monitor

Comments:

Brenda's clarification about the 2% surcharge on multimodal projects to be used for a multimodal study answered my main question about this legislative concept. Because the charge on ConnectOregon III projects was "accidentally" carried over from ConnectOregon II, and with the understanding that additional \$\$ aren't necessary for a multimodal study, I concur with Larry Hill that a monitor level 2 position is prudent, given the overall significance of HB2001. I'm somewhere between confused and concerned about the variance language at Section 10 (m). Per Brenda's plain English interpretation, there's a reasonable amendment that would allow a permitted over-width vehicle to use a bike LANE and/or a left-turn refuge lane (after all, the over-width vehicle understandably requires more than a normal travel lane). Why is the reference in the legislative concept to bicycle TRAIL?

Comments: This draft is made up of technical corrections and other odds and ends that do not have a

fiscal impact on the City of Eugene. It is almost identical to LC 24. The only difference is that LC 24 includes a section requiring that, under certain circumstances, photo radar sign indicate school is in session. Because it has a broad relating clause I recommend the bill

be monitored, priority 3.

LC 145

Relating Clause: Relating to apprenticeship standards for apprentice electricians; amending ORS

660.126.

Title: Requires State Apprenticeship and Training Council to adopt rules that modify

circumstances under which apprentice electrician may work without direct

supervision.

Contact
Paul KlopeRespondent
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01/12/2010Priority
PriorityPolicy
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Policy No
NeutralRecommendation
Neutral

Comments: Minor change. Doesn't establish new apprenticeship rules, just adds more specificity to

which classes of apprenticeships the State should set rules for w/r to work done w/o

direct supervision.

ContactRespondentDeptUpdatedPriorityPolicyPolicy NoRecommendationEric JonesPW-ADM01/12/2010Neutral

Comments: Ditto.

Contact Respondent Dept Updated Priority Policy Policy No Recommendation

Mike Penwell CS-FAC 01/12/2010 Neutral

Comments: I agree with Paul's assessment.

LC 146

Relating Clause: Relating to signs showing motor vehicle fuel prices; amending ORS 646.930.

Title: Permits service station operator to display sign visible from street showing prices

for lowest grade of fuel. Requires service station operators to display sign at or

near dispensing device showing prices for all grades of fuel.

ContactRespondentDeptUpdatedPriorityPolicyPolicy NoRecommendationTony JobanekPWM01/19/2010Monitor

Comments: I am not sure by reading the language if we are clearly exempt. It does say "for the

purpose of retailing and delivering gasoline." We do not RETAIL our fuels as they are purchased under a State wholesale contract. To my knowledge we have never been under a requirement to list the wholesale prices at our pumps. I recommend we monitor this

bill.

<u>Contact</u> <u>Respondent</u> <u>Dept</u> <u>Updated</u> <u>Priority</u> <u>Policy</u> <u>Policy No</u> <u>Recommendation</u>

Eric Jones PW-ADM 01/19/2010 Monitor

Comments: I concur with Tony.

LC 148

Relating Clause: Relating to mandatory workplace communications to employee about employer's

opinions; amending ORS 659.780 and 659.785; and declaring an emergency.

Title: Modifies certain definitions and exceptions applicable to prohibition against

employer taking adverse employment action against employee who declines to attend meeting or participate in communication concerning employer's opinion about religious or political matters. Modifies damages available to employee

prevailing in civil action. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ContactRespondentDeptUpdatedPriorityPolicyPolicy NoRecommendationGlenn KleinCS-CMO-01/13/2010Monitor

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Comments: LC 148 makes technical fixes to SB 519 from last legislative session. The City Council

voted to adopt a "monitor" position on SB 519 (following a split vote on IGR). The changes from LC 148 are technical in nature to a bill that Council chose to only monitor. In light of that prior Council-adopted position, monitor is appropriate for this bill.

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Contact Respondent Dept Updated Priority Policy Policy No Recommendation

Susan Mullett CS-HRRS 01/13/2010 Monitor

Comments: I agree with Glenn Klein.

LC 152

Relating Clause: Relating to residential price controls; repealing ORS 197.309; and declaring an

emergency.

Title: Repeals prohibition against city, county or metropolitan service district imposing

requirement that effectively establishes sales price for housing unit or residential building lot or parcel, or that limits availability or housing unit or residential

building lot or parcel to class or group or purchasers. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

Contact
Richie WeinmanRespondent
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Policy No
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Support

Comments: This repeals the prohibition on "inclusionary housing" (ORS 197.309), which is

specifically identified in our legislative housing policies. Therefore we should strongly support this proposal. This should be a high, #1, priority. That said, I have great doubts that this bill will make it through - especially during a special session, so spending much

energy on it could be a poor use of time.

HB 3604

Relating Clause: Relating to preference factors for public contracting; creating new provisions;

amending ORS 279A.125, 381.015 and 381.100; and declaring an emergency.

Title: Requires contracting agency that issues request for proposals or invitation to bid

for construction related to interstate bridge to include preference for products, materials and components fabricated in close proximity to site at which products, materials and components will be used and to consider, consistent with life cycle analysis, whether products, materials and components will help state to meet greenhouse gas reduction targets. Requires contracting agency to give preference to procuring goods for public use that are manufactured close to location at which goods will be used and to goods for which life cycle analysis shows that methods and materials used in manufacturing, using and disposing of goods will help state meet greenhouse gas reduction targets. Declares emergency, effective

on passage.

Sponsored By: Sponsored by Representative BAILEY (Presession filed.)

ContactRespondentDeptUpdatedPriorityPolicyPolicy NoRecommendationJenifer WillerPWE01/19/2010VIII.BMonitor

Comments: This bill needs more direction in order to be useful. The goal is admirable, but there

needs to be a definition of "close proximity" and more details about a "life cycle analysis." I performed a quick internet search on life cycle analysis and found there to be a lot of controversy about the data to use in a life cycle energy analysis and what the results mean. The analyses that are done for this also typically require specialized computer software. Seems to be a complicated and costly analysis that without a clear direction on the data to be used and how to perform the analysis could give controversial

results.

ContactRespondentDeptUpdatedPriorityPolicyPolicy NoRecommendationMike PenwellCS-FAC01/12/2010YesIV.AMonitor

Comments: I agree with Paul and Jenifer that the intent of this bill is worthy, but it's too undefined to

support for the reasons they both describe. I'm recommending we monitor the bill so we

can decide whether to support or oppose when a more developed version of the bill emerges.

ContactRespondentDeptUpdatedPriorityPolicyPolicy NoRecommendationPaul KlopePWE01/19/2010VIII.BMonitor

Comments: This bill applies to all contracting done by public agencies, not just to interstate bridges.

This bill needs amendments to include definition for "close proximity" and to eliminate the requirement for life-cycle analysis. It would be difficult, complex and very time-consuming (aka expensive) for staff to perform life cycle analyses for each of the thousands of goods the City purchases or are used by contractors under contract with the City each month to determine if the manufacturing process for each good, the use of each good and the disposal process for each good will have a positive effect on reduction of greenhouse gases.

HB 3608

Relating Clause: Relating to tax treatment of waste materials; creating new provisions; amending

ORS 215.203, 215.213, 215.283, 308A.056, 314.752, 315.141, 318.031, and

469.790; and prescribing an effective date.

Title: Establishes tax credit for transportation of woody biomass from forest

management operations to biofuel producer. Establishes tax credit for biomass electrical generation based on kilowatt hours of electricity produced. Establishes tax credit for purchase of equipment to collect or process waste materials or to manufacture product from waste materials. Applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010. Directs State Department of Energy to conduct study of biomass facility sites in state. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment

sine die.

Sponsored By: Sponsored by Representatives THOMPSON, SPRENGER, SCHAUFLER

(Presession filed.)

ContactRespondentDeptUpdatedPriorityPolicyPolicy NoRecommendationEthan NelsonPDD-BPS01/15/2010Neutral

Comments: .

Comments: HB 3608 would have no fiscal impact on the City of Eugene. It could have a small

negative impact on State income tax revenue. The use of woody biomass to generate

electricity is not addressed in the City's legislative policies.

HB 3611

Relating Clause: Relating to subtraction for health insurance premium payments.

Title: Creates subtraction from federal taxable income for health insurance premium

payments made during tax year by individual taxpayer for health benefit coverage of taxpayer, taxpayer's spouse or dependents. Applies to tax years

beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

Sponsored By: Sponsored by Representative MAURER (Presession filed.)

Comments: HB 3611 would provide a state income tax benefit to individual taxpayers who make

health insurance premium payments. Rather being treated as deducions, health insurance premium payments would be subtracted from taxable income when calculating state income tax liability. This would have no direct fiscal impact on the City of Eugene. It would decrease state income tax revenue and would probably have an adverse impact on

the state budget.

HB 3612

Relating Clause: Relating to additional property taxes; creating new provisions; amending ORS

311.206 and 311.229; and prescribing an effective date.

Title: Allows repayment, one tax year at time, of additional ad valorem property taxes

owing due to correction of error or omission of property in prior tax years. Applies to property tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2010. Takes effect on

91st day following adjournment sine die.

Sponsored By: Sponsored by Representative BUCKLEY (Presession filed.)

Comments: HB 3612 would change how additional taxes resulting from correction of the tax roll are

collected. Currently all additional taxes are imposed in the year following the correction, even if the correction is for several previous years. This bill would schedule imposition of additional taxes over the same number of years as are corrected. All additional taxes would be collected, though in some cases this could occur over a number of years rather than in a single year. The change would likely have only a small impact on City revenues.

in any one year. I don't think the bill would have an unacceptably great impact in any year. It should be monitored for changes that would have a negative impact on the City.

HB 3617

Relating Clause: Relating to local government provision of services; amending ORS 221.031,

222.510 and 451.585; and declaring an emergency.

Title: Allows existing special district or county service district to continue to provide

services for newly incorporated city if petitioners propose and voters approve of

continuance. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

Sponsored By: Sponsored by Representative HUNT (Presession filed.)

ContactRespondentDeptUpdatedPriorityPolicy NoPolicy NoRecommendationSteve NystromPDD-ADM 01/13/2010Pri 2YesIV.D4Oppose

Comments: Requires cities to hold election to consider maintaining special districts for annexation

requests which would otherwise result in the complete elimination of a special district. Although this scenario would be highly unlikely in Eugene, in principle it could affect the city's ability to efficiently provide urban services into the future. The Metro Plan includes policies which state that the cities should be the logical provider of urban services. This bill would appear to conflict with that objective. In addition, it appears the city would need to hold special elections to consider such requests, which could pose a

significant financial burden.

HB 3621

Relating Clause: Relating to plumbing; creating new provisions; amending ORS 447.060, 448.279

and 693.020; and declaring an emergency.

Title: Authorizes certified backflow tester to test, install, repair and maintain certain

licensure as plumbing business for backflow assembly work by tester. Exempts certified backflow tester from plumber licensing requirements. Creates cross-connection and backflow assembly specialty certificate program for journeyman plumbers and apprentice plumbers. Requires specialty certificate program to be operational no later than January 1, 2011. Restricts testing, installation, repair and maintenance of certain backflow assemblies to plumbers holding cross-connection and backflow assembly specialty certificate. Applies to backflow assembly testing, installation, repair and maintenance work performed on or after July 1, 2011. Makes violation subject to civil penalty, not to exceed \$5,000 per offense or \$1,000 for each day of continuing offense. Declares emergency,

backflow assemblies. Exempts employer of certified backflow tester from

effective on passage.

Sponsored By: Sponsored by Representative ROBLAN (Presession filed.)

ContactRespondentDeptUpdatedPriorityPolicyPolicy NoRecommendationMike PenwellCS-FAC01/14/2010Pri 2Oppose

Comments: The intent of this bill is laudable as it tightens the requirements for a certified backflow

tester with appropriate exemptions for small-scale residential plumbing systems. As written, however, there is no "grandfather clause" for certified backflow testers who are not journeyman plumbers or apprentice plumbers. This unfairly penalizes competent, capable backflow testers who have spent years testing, installing, repairing, and maintaining systems that they will no longer be authorized to work on. If the bill is

<u>amended</u> to include a grandfather clause, then the City should support it.

HB 3623

Relating Clause: Relating to human trafficking information; and declaring an emergency.

Title: Requires Oregon Liquor Control Commission to include informational materials

regarding human trafficking with certain license renewal notices, if materials are supplied by nonprofit organization. Applies to license renewal notices that commission sends before January 1, 2012. Declares emergency, effective on

passage.

Sponsored By: Sponsored by Representative BARTON (Presession filed.)

ContactRespondentDeptUpdatedPriorityPolicyPolicy NoRecommendationBrenda WilsonCMO-IGR01/11/2010Pri 3Support

Comments: Although does not directly impact the city, this bill has broad policy considerations and I

think the IGR may want to weigh in.

HB 3625

Relating Clause: Relating to Maternal Mental Health Awareness Month; and declaring an

emergency.

Title: Designates May of each year as Maternal Mental Health Awareness Month.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

Sponsored By: Sponsored by Representative TOMEI (Presession filed.)

ContactRespondentDeptUpdatedPriorityPolicyPolicy NoRecommendationBrenda WilsonCMO-IGR01/11/2010Pri 3Support

Comments: Although does not directly impact the city, this bill has broad policy considerations and I

think the IGR may want to weight in.

HB 3631

Relating Clause: Relating to insurer discrimination against victims of violence; creating new

provisions; amending ORS 746.015; and declaring an emergency.

Title: Prohibits insurer from treating injuries sustained from sexual violence as

preexisting condition for coverage, underwriting or rating purposes. Declares an

emergency, effective on passage.

Sponsored By: Sponsored by Representative VANORMAN (Presession filed.)

<u>Contact</u> <u>Respondent</u> <u>Dept</u> <u>Updated</u> <u>Priority</u> <u>Policy</u> <u>Policy No</u> <u>Recommendation</u>

Myrnie Daut CS-HRRS 01/19/2010 No Monitor

Comments: This would have little impact on the City since we have self-insured health plans.

HJR 0100

Relating Clause: Proposing amendment to Oregon Constitution establishing right of all

Oregonians to equal opportunity to lead healthy and productive lives.

Title: Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution establishing right of all Oregonians

to equal opportunity to lead healthy and productive lives. Establishes obligation to state to ensure every legal resident of state access to effective, medically appropriate and affordable health care. Refers proposed amendment to people for

their approval or rejection at next regular general election.

Sponsored By: Sponsored by Representative GREENLICK (Presession filed.)

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Brenda Wilson CMO-IGR 01/11/2010 Pri 3 Support

Comments: Although does not directly impact the city, this bill has broad policy considerations and I

think the IGR may want to weigh in.

IGR Committee Meeting Wednesday, January 27, 2010

Pulled for discussion by Councilor Taylor. Steve Nystrom was the staff person to speak. Steve suggested a position of drop instead of Priority 2, Oppose after further review of the concept. Councilor Taylor moves the concept to Drop, Councilor Ortiz seconds. All in favor.
 Pulled for discussion by Councilor Taylor. Brenda Wilson was the staff person to speak. Brenda advised that all staff recommended a position of drop instead of monitor after further review and discussion of the concept.

Councilor Taylor moves the concept to **Drop**, Councilor Ortiz seconds.

Pulled for discussion by Councilor Poling. Mike Penwell was the staff person to speak. Mike suggested a position of neutral or monitor after further review of the bill. Councilor Poling moves the bill to **Monitor**, Councilor Ortiz seconds. All in favor.

All in favor.

- Pulled for discussion by Councilor Taylor. Larry Hill was the staff person to speak. Councilor Taylor moves the bill to **Oppose (no priority stated),** Councilor Ortiz seconds for purposes of discussion. {Councilor Ortiz amends to **Monitor**, Councilor Poling seconds. Councilor Taylor voting against.} To the main motion: Councilor Taylor votes in favor of Oppose (no priority stated), Councilor Ortiz and Councilor Poling voting against. **This bill will go before full City Council.**
- Pulled for discussion by Councilor Poling. Larry Hill was the staff person to speak. Councilor Poling moves the bill to **Monitor**, Councilor Ortiz seconds. All in favor.
- HB 3631 Pulled for discussion by Councilor Ortiz and Councilor Poling. Brenda Wilson was the staff person to speak. Councilor Ortiz moves the bill to Support, Priority 2, Councilor Poling seconds. All in favor.
- Pulled for discussion by Councilor Taylor and Councilor Poling. Brenda Wilson was the staff person to speak. All in favor with the original position of **Support**, **Priority 3**.
- Pulled for discussion by Councilor Taylor. Brenda Wilson was the staff person to speak. All in favor with the original position of **Support**, **Priority 3.**

HJR 100 Pulled for discussion by Councilor Poling. Brenda Wilson was the staff person to speak. All in favor with the original position of **Support**, **Priority 3**.

HB 3608

Relating Clause: Relating to tax treatment of waste materials; creating new provisions; amending

ORS 215.203, 215.213, 215.283, 308A.056, 314.752, 315.141, 318.031, and

469.790; and prescribing an effective date.

Title: Establishes tax credit for transportation of woody biomass from forest

management operations to biofuel producer. Establishes tax credit for biomass electrical generation based on kilowatt hours of electricity produced. Establishes tax credit for purchase of equipment to collect or process waste materials or to manufacture product from waste materials. Applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010. Directs State Department of Energy to conduct study of biomass facility sites in state. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment

sine die.

Sponsored By: Sponsored by Representatives THOMPSON, SPRENGER, SCHAUFLER

(Presession filed.)

ContactRespondentDeptUpdatedPriorityPolicyPolicy NoRecommendationEthan NelsonPDD-BPS01/15/2010Neutral

Comments: .

Comments: HB 3608 would have no fiscal impact on the City of Eugene. It could have a small

negative impact on State income tax revenue. The use of woody biomass to generate

electricity is not addressed in the City's legislative policies.

House Bill 3608

Sponsored by Representatives THOMPSON, SPRENGER, SCHAUFLER (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Establishes tax credit for transportation of woody biomass from forest management operations to biofuel producer.

Establishes tax credit for biomass electrical generation based on kilowatt hours of electricity produced.

Establishes tax credit for purchase of equipment to collect or process waste materials or to manufacture product from waste materials.

Applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

Directs State Department of Energy to conduct study of biomass facility sites in state.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT 1

2 Relating to tax treatment of waste materials; creating new provisions; amending ORS 215.203,

215.213, 215.283, 308A.056, 314.752, 315.141, 318.031 and 469.790; and prescribing an effective 3 4 date.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

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TAX CREDIT FOR TRANSPORTATION OF WOODY BIOMASS

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SECTION 1. ORS 469.790 is amended to read:

469.790. To be eligible for the tax credit under ORS 315.141, the biomass must be produced or collected in Oregon as a feedstock for bioenergy or biofuel production in Oregon. The credit rates for biomass are:

- (1) For oil seed crops, \$0.05 per pound.
- (2) For grain crops, including but not limited to wheat, barley and triticale, \$0.90 per bushel.
- 15 (3) For virgin oil or alcohol delivered for production in Oregon from Oregon-based feedstock, 16 \$0.10 per gallon.
 - (4) For used cooking oil or waste grease, \$0.10 per gallon.
 - (5) For wastewater biosolids, \$10.00 per wet ton.
 - (6) For woody biomass collected from nursery, orchard, agricultural, forest or rangeland property in Oregon, including but not limited to prunings, thinning, plantation rotations, log landing or slash resulting from harvest or forest health stewardship, \$10.00 per green ton.
- 22 (7) For grass, wheat, straw or other vegetative biomass from agricultural crops, \$10.00 per green 23 ton.
 - (8) For yard debris and municipally generated food waste, \$5.00 per wet ton.
 - (9) For animal manure or rendering offal, \$5.00 per wet ton.
 - (10) For transportation of woody biomass from forest management operations to a biofuel producer, \$10.00 per green ton.

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.

SECTION 2. ORS 315.141 is amended to read:

315.141. (1) As used in this section:

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- 3 (a) "Agricultural producer" means a person that produces biomass in Oregon that is used, in Oregon, as biofuel or to produce biofuel.
 - (b) "Bioenergy" means heat or electricity produced by using woody biomass.
 - [(b)] (c) "Biofuel" means liquid, gaseous or solid fuels, derived from biomass, that have been converted into a processed fuel ready for use as energy by a biofuel producer's customers or for direct biomass energy use at the biofuel producer's site.
 - [(c)] (d) "Biofuel producer" means a person that through activities in Oregon:
- 10 (A) Alters the physical makeup of biomass to convert it into biofuel;
 - (B) Changes one biofuel into another type of biofuel; or
 - (C) Uses biomass in Oregon to produce energy.
 - [(d)] (e) "Biomass" means organic matter that is available on a renewable or recurring basis and that is derived from:
 - (A) Forest or rangeland woody debris from harvesting or thinning conducted to improve forest or rangeland ecological health and reduce uncharacteristic stand replacing wildfire risk;
 - (B) Wood material from hardwood timber described in ORS 321.267 (3);
- 18 (C) Agricultural residues;
 - (D) Offal and tallow from animal rendering;
- 20 (E) Food wastes collected as provided under ORS chapter 459 or 459A;
- 21 (F) Yard or wood debris collected as provided under ORS chapter 459 or 459A;
- 22 (G) Wastewater solids; or
- 23 (H) Crops grown solely to be used for energy.
 - [(e)] (f) "Biomass" does not mean wood that has been treated with creosote, pentachlorophenol, inorganic arsenic or other inorganic chemical compounds or waste, other than matter described in paragraph [(d)] (e) of this subsection.
 - [(f)] **(g)** "Biomass collector" means a person that collects biomass in Oregon to be used, in Oregon, as biofuel or to produce **bioenergy or** biofuel.
 - (h) "Woody biomass" has the meaning given that term in ORS 526.277. "Woody biomass" includes biomass as defined in subsection (1)(e)(A) of this section.
 - (i) "Woody biomass transporter" means a person that transports woody biomass from forest management operations to a bioenergy or biofuel producer.
 - (2) The Director of the State Department of Energy may adopt rules to define criteria, only as the criteria apply to organic biomass, to determine additional characteristics of biomass for purposes of this section.
 - (3)(a) An agricultural producer, [or] biomass collector **or woody biomass transporter** shall be allowed a credit against the taxes that would otherwise be due under ORS chapter 316 or, if the taxpayer is a corporation, under ORS chapter 317 or 318 for:
 - (A) The production of biomass in Oregon that is used, in Oregon, as biofuel or to produce biofuel; or
 - (B) The collection of biomass, **or the transportation of woody biomass**, in Oregon that is used, in Oregon, as biofuel or to produce biofuel **or bioenergy**.
 - (b) A credit under this section may be claimed in the tax year in which the credit is certified under subsection (5) of this section.
- 45 (c) A taxpayer may be allowed a credit under this section for more than one of the roles defined

in subsection (1) of this section, but a biofuel producer that is not also an agricultural producer or a biomass collector may not claim a credit under this section.

- (d) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, a tax credit is not allowed for grain corn, but a tax credit shall be allowed for other corn material.
 - (4) The amount of the credit shall equal the amount certified under subsection (5) of this section.
- (5)(a) The State Department of Energy may establish by rule procedures and criteria for determining the amount of the tax credit to be certified under this section, consistent with ORS 469.790. The department shall provide written certification to taxpayers that are eligible to claim the credit under this section.
- (b) The State Department of Energy may charge and collect a fee from taxpayers for certification of credits under this section. The fee may not exceed the cost to the department of determining the amount of certified cost.
- (c) The State Department of Energy shall provide to the Department of Revenue a list, by tax year, of taxpayers for which a credit is certified under this section, upon request of the Department of Revenue.
- (6) The amount of the credit claimed under this section for any tax year may not exceed the tax liability of the taxpayer.
- (7) Each agricultural producer, [or] biomass collector **or woody biomass transporter** shall maintain the written documentation of the amount certified for tax credit under this section in its records for a period of at least five years after the tax year in which the credit is claimed and provide the written documentation to the Department of Revenue upon request.
- (8) The credit shall be claimed on a form prescribed by the Department of Revenue that contains the information required by the department.
- (9) Any tax credit otherwise allowable under this section that is not used by the taxpayer in a particular tax year may be carried forward and offset against the taxpayer's tax liability for the next succeeding tax year. Any credit remaining unused in the next succeeding tax year may be carried forward and used in the second succeeding tax year, and likewise any credit not used in that second succeeding tax year may be carried forward and used in the third succeeding tax year, and any credit not used in that third succeeding tax year may be carried forward and used in the fourth succeeding tax year, but may not be carried forward for any tax year thereafter.
 - (10) In the case of a credit allowed under this section:
- (a) A nonresident shall be allowed the credit under this section in the proportion provided in ORS 316.117.
- (b) If a change in the status of the taxpayer from resident to nonresident or from nonresident to resident occurs, the credit allowed by this section shall be determined in a manner consistent with ORS 316.117.
- (c) If a change in the taxable year of the taxpayer occurs as described in ORS 314.085, or if the Department **of Revenue** terminates the taxpayer's taxable year under ORS 314.440, the credit allowed under this section shall be prorated or computed in a manner consistent with ORS 314.085.
- <u>SECTION 3.</u> The amendments to ORS 315.141 and 469.790 by sections 1 and 2 of this 2010 Act apply to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

TAX CREDIT FOR BIOMASS ELECTRICAL GENERATION

SECTION 4. Section 5 of this 2010 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 315.

<u>SECTION 5.</u> (1) A taxpayer may claim a credit against taxes imposed by ORS chapter 316 or, if the taxpayer is a corporation, by ORS chapter 317 or 318 for biomass electrical generation as described in subsection (4) of this section.

- (2)(a) The amount of the credit allowed under this section is equal to 2.1 cents for every kilowatt hour of electricity generated from biomass by a closed-loop generating operation that grows the biomass used by the facility on a schedule of sustainable plantings and harvests.
- (b) The amount of the credit allowed under this section is equal to one cent for every kilowatt hour of electricity generated from biomass by a facility that is not a closed-loop generating operation.
 - (3) The credit allowed under this section may not exceed the tax liability of the taxpayer.
 - (4) Electricity qualifies for the credit provided in this section if:
 - (a) The electricity is generated by a facility located in Oregon;
 - (b) The facility generates electricity using only biomass, as defined in ORS 315.141; and
- (c) The facility generating the electricity is first placed in service on or after January 1, 1995.
- (5) Any tax credit otherwise allowable under this section that is not used by the taxpayer in a particular tax year may be carried forward and offset against the taxpayer's tax liability for the next succeeding tax year. Any credit remaining unused in the next succeeding tax year may be carried forward and used in the second succeeding tax year, and likewise, any credit not used in that second succeeding tax year may be carried forward and used in the third succeeding tax year and any credit not used in that third succeeding tax year may be carried forward and used in the fourth succeeding tax year, but may not be carried forward for any tax year thereafter.
- (6) A nonresident shall be allowed the credit under this section in the proportion provided in ORS 316.117.
- (7) If a change in the status of a taxpayer from resident to nonresident or from nonresident to resident occurs, the credit allowed by this section shall be determined in a manner consistent with ORS 316.117.
- (8) If a change in the taxable year of a taxpayer occurs as described in ORS 314.085, or if the Department of Revenue terminates the taxpayer's taxable year under ORS 314.440, the credit allowed under this section shall be prorated or computed in a manner consistent with ORS 314.085.
- <u>SECTION 6.</u> Section 5 of this 2010 Act applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

TAX CREDIT FOR USE OF WASTE MATERIALS

SECTION 7. Section 8 of this 2010 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 315.

<u>SECTION 8.</u> (1) As used in this section, "waste material" means materials used in a business that would otherwise be destined for solid waste disposal, including materials and by-products generated from an original manufacturing or fabrication process.

(2) A credit against the taxes otherwise due under ORS chapter 316 or, if the taxpayer is a corporation, under ORS chapter 317 or 318 is allowed to a taxpayer for expenses related to the purchase of equipment used to collect or process waste materials or used to manu-

facture a product from waste materials during the tax year. The taxpayer must be the owner of the equipment.

- (3) The amount of the tax credit available to a taxpayer under this section shall equal the cost of the equipment.
- (4) The credit allowed under this section may not exceed the tax liability of the taxpayer for the tax year in which the credit is claimed.
- (5) Any tax credit otherwise allowable under this section that is not used by the taxpayer in a particular tax year may be carried forward and offset against the taxpayer's tax liability for the next succeeding tax year. Any credit remaining unused in the next succeeding tax year may be carried forward and used in the second succeeding tax year, and likewise, any credit not used in that second succeeding tax year may be carried forward and used in the third succeeding tax year, and any credit not used in that third succeeding tax year may be carried forward and used in the fourth succeeding tax year, but may not be carried forward for any tax year thereafter.

<u>SECTION 9.</u> Section 8 of this 2010 Act applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

CONFORMING AMENDMENTS

SECTION 10. ORS 314.752 is amended to read:

- 314.752. (1) Except as provided in ORS 314.740 (5)(b), the tax credits allowed or allowable to a C corporation for purposes of ORS chapter 317 or 318 shall not be allowed to an S corporation. The business tax credits allowed or allowable for purposes of ORS chapter 316 shall be allowed or are allowable to the shareholders of the S corporation.
- (2) In determining the tax imposed under ORS chapter 316, as provided under ORS 314.734, on income of the shareholder of an S corporation, there shall be taken into account the shareholder's pro rata share of business tax credit (or item thereof) that would be allowed to the corporation (but for subsection (1) of this section) or recapture or recovery thereof. The credit (or item thereof), recapture or recovery shall be passed through to shareholders in pro rata shares as determined in the manner prescribed under section 1377(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- (3) The character of any item included in a shareholder's pro rata share under subsection (2) of this section shall be determined as if such item were realized directly from the source from which realized by the corporation, or incurred in the same manner as incurred by the corporation.
- (4) If the shareholder is a nonresident and there is a requirement applicable for the business tax credit that in the case of a nonresident the credit be allowed in the proportion provided in ORS 316.117, then that provision shall apply to the nonresident shareholder.
- (5) As used in this section, "business tax credit" means a tax credit granted to personal income taxpayers to encourage certain investment, to create employment, economic opportunity or incentive or for charitable, educational, scientific, literary or public purposes that is listed under this subsection as a business tax credit or is designated as a business tax credit by law or by the Department of Revenue by rule and includes but is not limited to the following credits: ORS 285C.309 (tribal taxes on reservation enterprise zones), ORS 315.104 (forestation and reforestation), ORS 315.134 (fish habitat improvement), ORS 315.138 (fish screening, by-pass devices, fishways), ORS 315.156 (crop gleaning), ORS 315.164 and 315.169 (farmworker housing), ORS 315.204 (dependent care assistance), ORS 315.208 (dependent care facilities), ORS 315.213 (contributions for child care), ORS

315.304 (pollution control facility), ORS 315.324 (plastics recycling), ORS 315.354 and 469.207 (energy conservation facilities), ORS 315.507 (electronic commerce), ORS 315.511 (advanced telecommunications facilities), ORS 315.604 (bone marrow transplant expenses), ORS 317.115 (fueling stations necessary to operate an alternative fuel vehicle), [and] ORS 315.141 (biomass [production for biofuel]), section 5 of this 2010 Act (biomass electrical generation) and section 8 of this 2010 Act (use of waste materials).

SECTION 11. ORS 318.031 is amended to read:

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318.031. It being the intention of the Legislative Assembly that this chapter and ORS chapter 317 shall be administered as uniformly as possible (allowance being made for the difference in imposition of the taxes), ORS 305.140 and 305.150, ORS chapter 314 and the following sections are incorporated into and made a part of this chapter: ORS 285C.309, 315.104, 315.134, 315.141, 315.156, 315.204, 315.208, 315.213, 315.304, 315.507, 315.511 and 315.604 and sections 5 and 8 of this 2010 Act (all only to the extent applicable to a corporation) and ORS chapter 317.

SECTION 12. ORS 215.203 is amended to read:

215.203. (1) Zoning ordinances may be adopted to zone designated areas of land within the county as exclusive farm use zones. Land within such zones shall be used exclusively for farm use except as otherwise provided in ORS 215.213, 215.283 or 215.284. Farm use zones shall be established only when such zoning is consistent with the comprehensive plan.

- (2)(a) As used in this section, "farm use" means the current employment of land for the primary purpose of obtaining a profit in money by raising, harvesting and selling crops or the feeding, breeding, management and sale of, or the produce of, livestock, poultry, fur-bearing animals or honeybees or for dairying and the sale of dairy products or any other agricultural or horticultural use or animal husbandry or any combination thereof. "Farm use" includes the preparation, storage and disposal by marketing or otherwise of the products or by-products raised on such land for human or animal use. "Farm use" also includes the current employment of land for the primary purpose of obtaining a profit in money by stabling or training equines including but not limited to providing riding lessons, training clinics and schooling shows. "Farm use" also includes the propagation, cultivation, maintenance and harvesting of aquatic, bird and animal species that are under the jurisdiction of the State Fish and Wildlife Commission, to the extent allowed by the rules adopted by the commission. "Farm use" includes the on-site construction and maintenance of equipment and facilities used for the activities described in this subsection. "Farm use" does not include the use of land subject to the provisions of ORS chapter 321, except land used exclusively for growing cultured Christmas trees as defined in subsection (3) of this section or land described in ORS 321.267 (3) or 321.824 (3).
 - (b) "Current employment" of land for farm use includes:
 - (A) Farmland, the operation or use of which is subject to any farm-related government program;
- (B) Land lying fallow for one year as a normal and regular requirement of good agricultural husbandry;
- (C) Land planted in orchards or other perennials, other than land specified in subparagraph (D) of this paragraph, prior to maturity;
- (D) Land not in an exclusive farm use zone which has not been eligible for assessment at special farm use value in the year prior to planting the current crop and has been planted in orchards, cultured Christmas trees or vineyards for at least three years;
- (E) Wasteland, in an exclusive farm use zone, dry or covered with water, neither economically tillable nor grazeable, lying in or adjacent to and in common ownership with a farm use land and

which is not currently being used for any economic farm use;

- (F) Except for land under a single family dwelling, land under buildings supporting accepted farm practices, including the processing facilities allowed by ORS 215.213 (1)(u) and 215.283 (1)(r) and the processing of farm crops into **bioenergy or** biofuel as commercial activities in conjunction with farm use under ORS 215.213 (2)(c) and 215.283 (2)(a);
 - (G) Water impoundments lying in or adjacent to and in common ownership with farm use land;
- (H) Any land constituting a woodlot, not to exceed 20 acres, contiguous to and owned by the owner of land specially valued for farm use even if the land constituting the woodlot is not utilized in conjunction with farm use;
- (I) Land lying idle for no more than one year where the absence of farming activity is due to the illness of the farmer or member of the farmer's immediate family. For purposes of this paragraph, illness includes injury or infirmity whether or not such illness results in death;
 - (J) Any land described under ORS 321.267 (3) or 321.824 (3);
- (K) Land used for the primary purpose of obtaining a profit in money by breeding, raising, kenneling or training of greyhounds for racing; and
- (L) Land used for the processing of farm crops into **bioenergy or** biofuel, as defined in ORS 315.141, if:
 - (i) Only the crops of the landowner are being processed;
- (ii) The **bioenergy and** biofuel from all of the crops purchased for processing into **bioenergy or** biofuel [*is*] **are** used on the farm of the landowner; or
- (iii) The landowner is custom processing crops **from other landowners in the area** into **bioenergy or** biofuel [from other landowners in the area] for [their] use or sale **by the landowners**.
- (c) As used in this subsection, "accepted farming practice" means a mode of operation that is common to farms of a similar nature, necessary for the operation of such farms to obtain a profit in money, and customarily utilized in conjunction with farm use.
 - (3) "Cultured Christmas trees" means trees:
- (a) Grown on lands used exclusively for that purpose, capable of preparation by intensive cultivation methods such as plowing or turning over the soil;
 - (b) Of a marketable species;
- (c) Managed to produce trees meeting U.S. No. 2 or better standards for Christmas trees as specified by the Agriculture Marketing Services of the United States Department of Agriculture; and
- (d) Evidencing periodic maintenance practices of shearing for Douglas fir and pine species, weed and brush control and one or more of the following practices: Basal pruning, fertilizing, insect and disease control, stump culture, soil cultivation, irrigation.

SECTION 13. ORS 215.213 is amended to read:

- 215.213. (1) In counties that have adopted marginal lands provisions under ORS 197.247 (1991 Edition), the following uses may be established in any area zoned for exclusive farm use:
 - (a) Churches and cemeteries in conjunction with churches.
 - (b) The propagation or harvesting of a forest product.
- (c) Utility facilities necessary for public service, including wetland waste treatment systems but not including commercial facilities for the purpose of generating electrical power for public use by sale or transmission towers over 200 feet in height. A utility facility necessary for public service may be established as provided in ORS 215.275.
- (d) A dwelling on real property used for farm use if the dwelling is occupied by a relative of the farm operator or the farm operator's spouse, which means a child, parent, stepparent, grandchild,

grandparent, stepgrandparent, sibling, stepsibling, niece, nephew or first cousin of either, if the farm operator does or will require the assistance of the relative in the management of the farm use and the dwelling is located on the same lot or parcel as the dwelling of the farm operator. Notwithstanding ORS 92.010 to 92.192 or the minimum lot or parcel size requirements under ORS 215.780, if the owner of a dwelling described in this paragraph obtains construction financing or other financing secured by the dwelling and the secured party forecloses on the dwelling, the secured party may also foreclose on the homesite, as defined in ORS 308A.250, and the foreclosure shall operate as a partition of the homesite to create a new parcel.

(e) Nonresidential buildings customarily provided in conjunction with farm use.

- (f) Primary or accessory dwellings customarily provided in conjunction with farm use. For a primary dwelling, the dwelling must be on a lot or parcel that is managed as part of a farm operation and is not smaller than the minimum lot size in a farm zone with a minimum lot size acknowledged under ORS 197.251.
- (g) Operations for the exploration for and production of geothermal resources as defined by ORS 522.005 and oil and gas as defined by ORS 520.005, including the placement and operation of compressors, separators and other customary production equipment for an individual well adjacent to the wellhead. Any activities or construction relating to such operations shall not be a basis for an exception under ORS 197.732 (2)(a) or (b).
- (h) Operations for the exploration for minerals as defined by ORS 517.750. Any activities or construction relating to such operations shall not be a basis for an exception under ORS 197.732 (2)(a) or (b).
- (i) One manufactured dwelling or recreational vehicle, or the temporary residential use of an existing building, in conjunction with an existing dwelling as a temporary use for the term of a hardship suffered by the existing resident or a relative of the resident. Within three months of the end of the hardship, the manufactured dwelling or recreational vehicle shall be removed or demolished or, in the case of an existing building, the building shall be removed, demolished or returned to an allowed nonresidential use. The governing body or its designee shall provide for periodic review of the hardship claimed under this paragraph. A temporary residence approved under this paragraph is not eligible for replacement under paragraph (q) of this subsection.
 - (j) Climbing and passing lanes within the right of way existing as of July 1, 1987.
- (k) Reconstruction or modification of public roads and highways, including the placement of utility facilities overhead and in the subsurface of public roads and highways along the public right of way, but not including the addition of travel lanes, where no removal or displacement of buildings would occur, or no new land parcels result.
- (L) Temporary public road and highway detours that will be abandoned and restored to original condition or use at such time as no longer needed.
- (m) Minor betterment of existing public road and highway related facilities, such as maintenance yards, weigh stations and rest areas, within right of way existing as of July 1, 1987, and contiguous public-owned property utilized to support the operation and maintenance of public roads and highways.
- (n) A replacement dwelling to be used in conjunction with farm use if the existing dwelling has been listed in a county inventory as historic property as defined in ORS 358.480.
 - (o) Creation, restoration or enhancement of wetlands.
- (p) A winery, as described in ORS 215.452.
 - (q) Alteration, restoration or replacement of a lawfully established dwelling that:

- (A) Has intact exterior walls and roof structure;
- (B) Has indoor plumbing consisting of a kitchen sink, toilet and bathing facilities connected to a sanitary waste disposal system;
 - (C) Has interior wiring for interior lights;
 - (D) Has a heating system; and

- (E) In the case of replacement:
- (i) Is removed, demolished or converted to an allowable nonresidential use within three months of the completion of the replacement dwelling. A replacement dwelling may be sited on any part of the same lot or parcel. A dwelling established under this paragraph shall comply with all applicable siting standards. However, the standards shall not be applied in a manner that prohibits the siting of the dwelling. If the dwelling to be replaced is located on a portion of the lot or parcel not zoned for exclusive farm use, the applicant, as a condition of approval, shall execute and record in the deed records for the county where the property is located a deed restriction prohibiting the siting of a dwelling on that portion of the lot or parcel. The restriction imposed shall be irrevocable unless a statement of release is placed in the deed records for the county. The release shall be signed by the county or its designee and state that the provisions of this paragraph regarding replacement dwellings have changed to allow the siting of another dwelling. The county planning director or the director's designee shall maintain a record of the lots and parcels that do not qualify for the siting of a new dwelling under the provisions of this paragraph, including a copy of the deed restrictions and release statements filed under this paragraph; and
- (ii) For which the applicant has requested a deferred replacement permit, is removed or demolished within three months after the deferred replacement permit is issued. A deferred replacement permit allows construction of the replacement dwelling at any time. If, however, the established dwelling is not removed or demolished within three months after the deferred replacement permit is issued, the permit becomes void. The replacement dwelling must comply with applicable building codes, plumbing codes, sanitation codes and other requirements relating to health and safety or to siting at the time of construction. A deferred replacement permit may not be transferred, by sale or otherwise, except by the applicant to the spouse or a child of the applicant.
 - (r) Farm stands if:
- (A) The structures are designed and used for the sale of farm crops or livestock grown on the farm operation, or grown on the farm operation and other farm operations in the local agricultural area, including the sale of retail incidental items and fee-based activity to promote the sale of farm crops or livestock sold at the farm stand if the annual sale of incidental items and fees from promotional activity do not make up more than 25 percent of the total annual sales of the farm stand; and
- (B) The farm stand does not include structures designed for occupancy as a residence or for activity other than the sale of farm crops or livestock and does not include structures for banquets, public gatherings or public entertainment.
- (s) An armed forces reserve center, if the center is within one-half mile of a community college. For purposes of this paragraph, "armed forces reserve center" includes an armory or National Guard support facility.
- (t) A site for the takeoff and landing of model aircraft, including such buildings or facilities as may reasonably be necessary. Buildings or facilities shall not be more than 500 square feet in floor area or placed on a permanent foundation unless the building or facility preexisted the use approved under this paragraph. The site shall not include an aggregate surface or hard surface area unless

the surface preexisted the use approved under this paragraph. An owner of property used for the purpose authorized in this paragraph may charge a person operating the use on the property rent for the property. An operator may charge users of the property a fee that does not exceed the operator's cost to maintain the property, buildings and facilities. As used in this paragraph, "model aircraft" means a small-scale version of an airplane, glider, helicopter, dirigible or balloon that is used or intended to be used for flight and is controlled by radio, lines or design by a person on the ground.

- (u) A facility for the processing of farm crops, or the production of **bioenergy or** biofuel as defined in ORS 315.141, that is located on a farm operation that provides at least one-quarter of the farm crops processed at the facility. The building established for the processing facility shall not exceed 10,000 square feet of floor area exclusive of the floor area designated for preparation, storage or other farm use or devote more than 10,000 square feet to the processing activities within another building supporting farm uses. A processing facility shall comply with all applicable siting standards but the standards shall not be applied in a manner that prohibits the siting of the processing facility.
 - (v) Fire service facilities providing rural fire protection services.
- (w) Irrigation canals, delivery lines and those structures and accessory operational facilities associated with a district as defined in ORS 540.505.
- (x) Utility facility service lines. Utility facility service lines are utility lines and accessory facilities or structures that end at the point where the utility service is received by the customer and that are located on one or more of the following:
 - (A) A public right of way;

- (B) Land immediately adjacent to a public right of way, provided the written consent of all adjacent property owners has been obtained; or
 - (C) The property to be served by the utility.
- (y) Subject to the issuance of a license, permit or other approval by the Department of Environmental Quality under ORS 454.695, 459.205, 468B.050, 468B.053 or 468B.055, or in compliance with rules adopted under ORS 468B.095, and as provided in ORS 215.246 to 215.251, the land application of reclaimed water, agricultural or industrial process water or biosolids for agricultural, horticultural or silvicultural production, or for irrigation in connection with a use allowed in an exclusive farm use zone under this chapter.
- (2) In counties that have adopted marginal lands provisions under ORS 197.247 (1991 Edition), the following uses may be established in any area zoned for exclusive farm use subject to ORS 215.296:
- (a) A primary dwelling in conjunction with farm use or the propagation or harvesting of a forest product on a lot or parcel that is managed as part of a farm operation or woodlot if the farm operation or woodlot:
 - (A) Consists of 20 or more acres; and
- (B) Is not smaller than the average farm or woodlot in the county producing at least \$2,500 in annual gross income from the crops, livestock or forest products to be raised on the farm operation or woodlot.
- (b) A primary dwelling in conjunction with farm use or the propagation or harvesting of a forest product on a lot or parcel that is managed as part of a farm operation or woodlot smaller than required under paragraph (a) of this subsection, if the lot or parcel:
- (A) Has produced at least \$20,000 in annual gross farm income in two consecutive calendar years out of the three calendar years before the year in which the application for the dwelling was

made or is planted in perennials capable of producing upon harvest an average of at least \$20,000 in annual gross farm income; or

- (B) Is a woodlot capable of producing an average over the growth cycle of \$20,000 in gross annual income.
- (c) Commercial activities that are in conjunction with farm use, including the processing of farm crops into **bioenergy or** biofuel not permitted under ORS 215.203 (2)(b)(L) or subsection (1)(u) of this section.
 - (d) Operations conducted for:

- (A) Mining and processing of geothermal resources as defined by ORS 522.005 and oil and gas as defined by ORS 520.005, not otherwise permitted under subsection (1)(g) of this section;
- (B) Mining, crushing or stockpiling of aggregate and other mineral and other subsurface resources subject to ORS 215.298;
 - (C) Processing, as defined by ORS 517.750, of aggregate into asphalt or portland cement; and
 - (D) Processing of other mineral resources and other subsurface resources.
- (e) Community centers owned by a governmental agency or a nonprofit community organization and operated primarily by and for residents of the local rural community, hunting and fishing preserves, public and private parks, playgrounds and campgrounds. Subject to the approval of the county governing body or its designee, a private campground may provide yurts for overnight camping. No more than one-third or a maximum of 10 campsites, whichever is smaller, may include a yurt. The yurt shall be located on the ground or on a wood floor with no permanent foundation. Upon request of a county governing body, the Land Conservation and Development Commission may provide by rule for an increase in the number of yurts allowed on all or a portion of the campgrounds in a county if the commission determines that the increase will comply with the standards described in ORS 215.296 (1). A public park or campground may be established as provided under ORS 195.120. As used in this paragraph, "yurt" means a round, domed shelter of cloth or canvas on a collapsible frame with no plumbing, sewage disposal hookup or internal cooking appliance.
 - (f) Golf courses on land determined not to be high-value farmland as defined in ORS 195.300.
 - (g) Commercial utility facilities for the purpose of generating power for public use by sale.
- (h) Personal-use airports for airplanes and helicopter pads, including associated hangar, maintenance and service facilities. A personal-use airport as used in this section means an airstrip restricted, except for aircraft emergencies, to use by the owner, and, on an infrequent and occasional basis, by invited guests, and by commercial aviation activities in connection with agricultural operations. No aircraft may be based on a personal-use airport other than those owned or controlled by the owner of the airstrip. Exceptions to the activities permitted under this definition may be granted through waiver action by the Oregon Department of Aviation in specific instances. A personal-use airport lawfully existing as of September 13, 1975, shall continue to be permitted subject to any applicable rules of the Oregon Department of Aviation.
- (i) A facility for the primary processing of forest products, provided that such facility is found to not seriously interfere with accepted farming practices and is compatible with farm uses described in ORS 215.203 (2). Such a facility may be approved for a one-year period which is renewable. These facilities are intended to be only portable or temporary in nature. The primary processing of a forest product, as used in this section, means the use of a portable chipper or stud mill or other similar methods of initial treatment of a forest product in order to enable its shipment to market. Forest products, as used in this section, means timber grown upon a parcel of land or

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contiguous land where the primary processing facility is located.

- (j) A site for the disposal of solid waste approved by the governing body of a city or county or both and for which a permit has been granted under ORS 459.245 by the Department of Environmental Quality together with equipment, facilities or buildings necessary for its operation.
 - (k) Dog kennels.

- (L) Residential homes as defined in ORS 197.660, in existing dwellings.
- (m) The propagation, cultivation, maintenance and harvesting of aquatic species that are not under the jurisdiction of the State Fish and Wildlife Commission or insect species. Insect species shall not include any species under quarantine by the State Department of Agriculture or the United States Department of Agriculture. The county shall provide notice of all applications under this paragraph to the State Department of Agriculture. Notice shall be provided in accordance with the county's land use regulations but shall be mailed at least 20 calendar days prior to any administrative decision or initial public hearing on the application.
 - (n) Home occupations as provided in ORS 215.448.
 - (o) Transmission towers over 200 feet in height.
- (p) Construction of additional passing and travel lanes requiring the acquisition of right of way but not resulting in the creation of new land parcels.
- (q) Reconstruction or modification of public roads and highways involving the removal or displacement of buildings but not resulting in the creation of new land parcels.
- (r) Improvement of public road and highway related facilities such as maintenance yards, weigh stations and rest areas, where additional property or right of way is required but not resulting in the creation of new land parcels.
- (s) A destination resort that is approved consistent with the requirements of any statewide planning goal relating to the siting of a destination resort.
- (t) Room and board arrangements for a maximum of five unrelated persons in existing residences.
- (u) A living history museum related to resource based activities owned and operated by a governmental agency or a local historical society, together with limited commercial activities and facilities that are directly related to the use and enjoyment of the museum and located within authentic buildings of the depicted historic period or the museum administration building, if areas other than an exclusive farm use zone cannot accommodate the museum and related activities or if the museum administration buildings and parking lot are located within one quarter mile of the metropolitan urban growth boundary. As used in this paragraph:
- (A) "Living history museum" means a facility designed to depict and interpret everyday life and culture of some specific historic period using authentic buildings, tools, equipment and people to simulate past activities and events; and
- (B) "Local historical society" means the local historical society, recognized as such by the county governing body and organized under ORS chapter 65.
 - (v) Operations for the extraction and bottling of water.
- (w) An aerial fireworks display business that has been in continuous operation at its current location within an exclusive farm use zone since December 31, 1986, and possesses a wholesaler's permit to sell or provide fireworks.
- (x) A landscape contracting business, as defined in ORS 671.520, or a business providing landscape architecture services, as described in ORS 671.318, if the business is pursued in conjunction with the growing and marketing of nursery stock on the land that constitutes farm use.

- (y) Public or private schools for kindergarten through grade 12, including all buildings essential to the operation of a school, primarily for residents of the rural area in which the school is located.
- (3) In counties that have adopted marginal lands provisions under ORS 197.247 (1991 Edition), a single-family residential dwelling not provided in conjunction with farm use may be established on a lot or parcel with soils predominantly in capability classes IV through VIII as determined by the Agricultural Capability Classification System in use by the United States Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service on October 15, 1983. A proposed dwelling is subject to approval of the governing body or its designee in any area zoned for exclusive farm use upon written findings showing all of the following:
- (a) The dwelling or activities associated with the dwelling will not force a significant change in or significantly increase the cost of accepted farming practices on nearby lands devoted to farm use.
- (b) The dwelling is situated upon generally unsuitable land for the production of farm crops and livestock, considering the terrain, adverse soil or land conditions, drainage and flooding, location and size of the tract. A lot or parcel shall not be considered unsuitable solely because of its size or location if it can reasonably be put to farm use in conjunction with other land.
- (c) Complies with such other conditions as the governing body or its designee considers necessary.
- (4) In counties that have adopted marginal lands provisions under ORS 197.247 (1991 Edition), one single-family dwelling, not provided in conjunction with farm use, may be established in any area zoned for exclusive farm use on a lot or parcel described in subsection (7) of this section that is not larger than three acres upon written findings showing:
- (a) The dwelling or activities associated with the dwelling will not force a significant change in or significantly increase the cost of accepted farming practices on nearby lands devoted to farm use;
- (b) If the lot or parcel is located within the Willamette River Greenway, a floodplain or a geological hazard area, the dwelling complies with conditions imposed by local ordinances relating specifically to the Willamette River Greenway, floodplains or geological hazard areas, whichever is applicable; and
- (c) The dwelling complies with other conditions considered necessary by the governing body or its designee.
- (5) Upon receipt of an application for a permit under subsection (4) of this section, the governing body shall notify:
- (a) Owners of land that is within 250 feet of the lot or parcel on which the dwelling will be established; and
- (b) Persons who have requested notice of such applications and who have paid a reasonable fee imposed by the county to cover the cost of such notice.
- (6) The notice required in subsection (5) of this section shall specify that persons have 15 days following the date of postmark of the notice to file a written objection on the grounds only that the dwelling or activities associated with it would force a significant change in or significantly increase the cost of accepted farming practices on nearby lands devoted to farm use. If no objection is received, the governing body or its designee shall approve or disapprove the application. If an objection is received, the governing body shall set the matter for hearing in the manner prescribed in ORS 215.402 to 215.438. The governing body may charge the reasonable costs of the notice required by subsection (5)(a) of this section to the applicant for the permit requested under subsection (4) of this section.
 - (7) Subsection (4) of this section applies to a lot or parcel lawfully created between January 1,

1948, and July 1, 1983. For the purposes of this section:

(a) Only one lot or parcel exists if:

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- (A) A lot or parcel described in this section is contiguous to one or more lots or parcels described in this section; and
- (B) On July 1, 1983, greater than possessory interests are held in those contiguous lots, parcels or lots and parcels by the same person, spouses or a single partnership or business entity, separately or in tenancy in common.
- (b) "Contiguous" means lots, parcels or lots and parcels that have a common boundary, including but not limited to, lots, parcels or lots and parcels separated only by a public road.
- (8) A person who sells or otherwise transfers real property in an exclusive farm use zone may retain a life estate in a dwelling on that property and in a tract of land under and around the dwelling.
- (9) No final approval of a nonfarm use under this section shall be given unless any additional taxes imposed upon the change in use have been paid.
- (10) Roads, highways and other transportation facilities and improvements not allowed under subsections (1) and (2) of this section may be established, subject to the approval of the governing body or its designee, in areas zoned for exclusive farm use subject to:
- (a) Adoption of an exception to the goal related to agricultural lands and to any other applicable goal with which the facility or improvement does not comply; or
- (b) ORS 215.296 for those uses identified by rule of the Land Conservation and Development Commission as provided in section 3, chapter 529, Oregon Laws 1993.

SECTION 14. ORS 215.283 is amended to read:

- 215.283. (1) The following uses may be established in any area zoned for exclusive farm use:
- (a) Churches and cemeteries in conjunction with churches.
- (b) The propagation or harvesting of a forest product.
- (c) Utility facilities necessary for public service, including wetland waste treatment systems but not including commercial facilities for the purpose of generating electrical power for public use by sale or transmission towers over 200 feet in height. A utility facility necessary for public service may be established as provided in ORS 215.275.
- (d) A dwelling on real property used for farm use if the dwelling is occupied by a relative of the farm operator or the farm operator's spouse, which means a child, parent, stepparent, grandchild, grandparent, stepgrandparent, sibling, stepsibling, niece, nephew or first cousin of either, if the farm operator does or will require the assistance of the relative in the management of the farm use and the dwelling is located on the same lot or parcel as the dwelling of the farm operator. Notwithstanding ORS 92.010 to 92.192 or the minimum lot or parcel size requirements under ORS 215.780, if the owner of a dwelling described in this paragraph obtains construction financing or other financing secured by the dwelling and the secured party forecloses on the dwelling, the secured party may also foreclose on the homesite, as defined in ORS 308A.250, and the foreclosure shall operate as a partition of the homesite to create a new parcel.
- (e) Primary or accessory dwellings and other buildings customarily provided in conjunction with farm use.
- (f) Operations for the exploration for and production of geothermal resources as defined by ORS 522.005 and oil and gas as defined by ORS 520.005, including the placement and operation of compressors, separators and other customary production equipment for an individual well adjacent to the wellhead. Any activities or construction relating to such operations shall not be a basis for

an exception under ORS 197.732 (2)(a) or (b).

- (g) Operations for the exploration for minerals as defined by ORS 517.750. Any activities or construction relating to such operations shall not be a basis for an exception under ORS 197.732 (2)(a) or (b).
 - (h) Climbing and passing lanes within the right of way existing as of July 1, 1987.
- (i) Reconstruction or modification of public roads and highways, including the placement of utility facilities overhead and in the subsurface of public roads and highways along the public right of way, but not including the addition of travel lanes, where no removal or displacement of buildings would occur, or no new land parcels result.
- (j) Temporary public road and highway detours that will be abandoned and restored to original condition or use at such time as no longer needed.
- (k) Minor betterment of existing public road and highway related facilities such as maintenance yards, weigh stations and rest areas, within right of way existing as of July 1, 1987, and contiguous public-owned property utilized to support the operation and maintenance of public roads and highways.
- (L) A replacement dwelling to be used in conjunction with farm use if the existing dwelling has been listed in a county inventory as historic property as defined in ORS 358.480.
 - (m) Creation, restoration or enhancement of wetlands.
 - (n) A winery, as described in ORS 215.452.
- (o) Farm stands if:
- (A) The structures are designed and used for the sale of farm crops or livestock grown on the farm operation, or grown on the farm operation and other farm operations in the local agricultural area, including the sale of retail incidental items and fee-based activity to promote the sale of farm crops or livestock sold at the farm stand if the annual sale of incidental items and fees from promotional activity do not make up more than 25 percent of the total annual sales of the farm stand; and
- (B) The farm stand does not include structures designed for occupancy as a residence or for activity other than the sale of farm crops or livestock and does not include structures for banquets, public gatherings or public entertainment.
 - (p) Alteration, restoration or replacement of a lawfully established dwelling that:
 - (A) Has intact exterior walls and roof structure;
- (B) Has indoor plumbing consisting of a kitchen sink, toilet and bathing facilities connected to a sanitary waste disposal system;
 - (C) Has interior wiring for interior lights;
 - (D) Has a heating system; and
 - (E) In the case of replacement:
- (i) Is removed, demolished or converted to an allowable nonresidential use within three months of the completion of the replacement dwelling. A replacement dwelling may be sited on any part of the same lot or parcel. A dwelling established under this paragraph shall comply with all applicable siting standards. However, the standards shall not be applied in a manner that prohibits the siting of the dwelling. If the dwelling to be replaced is located on a portion of the lot or parcel not zoned for exclusive farm use, the applicant, as a condition of approval, shall execute and record in the deed records for the county where the property is located a deed restriction prohibiting the siting of a dwelling on that portion of the lot or parcel. The restriction imposed shall be irrevocable unless a statement of release is placed in the deed records for the county. The release shall be signed by

the county or its designee and state that the provisions of this paragraph regarding replacement dwellings have changed to allow the siting of another dwelling. The county planning director or the director's designee shall maintain a record of the lots and parcels that do not qualify for the siting of a new dwelling under the provisions of this paragraph, including a copy of the deed restrictions and release statements filed under this paragraph; and

- (ii) For which the applicant has requested a deferred replacement permit, is removed or demolished within three months after the deferred replacement permit is issued. A deferred replacement permit allows construction of the replacement dwelling at any time. If, however, the established dwelling is not removed or demolished within three months after the deferred replacement permit is issued, the permit becomes void. The replacement dwelling must comply with applicable building codes, plumbing codes, sanitation codes and other requirements relating to health and safety or to siting at the time of construction. A deferred replacement permit may not be transferred, by sale or otherwise, except by the applicant to the spouse or a child of the applicant.
- (q) A site for the takeoff and landing of model aircraft, including such buildings or facilities as may reasonably be necessary. Buildings or facilities shall not be more than 500 square feet in floor area or placed on a permanent foundation unless the building or facility preexisted the use approved under this paragraph. The site shall not include an aggregate surface or hard surface area unless the surface preexisted the use approved under this paragraph. An owner of property used for the purpose authorized in this paragraph may charge a person operating the use on the property rent for the property. An operator may charge users of the property a fee that does not exceed the operator's cost to maintain the property, buildings and facilities. As used in this paragraph, "model aircraft" means a small-scale version of an airplane, glider, helicopter, dirigible or balloon that is used or intended to be used for flight and is controlled by radio, lines or design by a person on the ground.
- (r) A facility for the processing of farm crops, or the production of **bioenergy or** biofuel as defined in ORS 315.141, that is located on a farm operation that provides at least one-quarter of the farm crops processed at the facility. The building established for the processing facility shall not exceed 10,000 square feet of floor area exclusive of the floor area designated for preparation, storage or other farm use or devote more than 10,000 square feet to the processing activities within another building supporting farm uses. A processing facility shall comply with all applicable siting standards but the standards shall not be applied in a manner that prohibits the siting of the processing facility.
 - (s) Fire service facilities providing rural fire protection services.
- (t) Irrigation canals, delivery lines and those structures and accessory operational facilities associated with a district as defined in ORS 540.505.
- (u) Utility facility service lines. Utility facility service lines are utility lines and accessory facilities or structures that end at the point where the utility service is received by the customer and that are located on one or more of the following:
 - (A) A public right of way;

- (B) Land immediately adjacent to a public right of way, provided the written consent of all adjacent property owners has been obtained; or
 - (C) The property to be served by the utility.
- (v) Subject to the issuance of a license, permit or other approval by the Department of Environmental Quality under ORS 454.695, 459.205, 468B.050, 468B.053 or 468B.055, or in compliance with rules adopted under ORS 468B.095, and as provided in ORS 215.246 to 215.251, the land application of reclaimed water, agricultural or industrial process water or biosolids for agricultural,

horticultural or silvicultural production, or for irrigation in connection with a use allowed in an exclusive farm use zone under this chapter.

- (w) A county law enforcement facility that lawfully existed on August 20, 2002, and is used to provide rural law enforcement services primarily in rural areas, including parole and post-prison supervision, but not including a correctional facility as defined under ORS 162.135.
- (2) The following nonfarm uses may be established, subject to the approval of the governing body or its designee in any area zoned for exclusive farm use subject to ORS 215.296:
- (a) Commercial activities that are in conjunction with farm use, including the processing of farm crops into **bioenergy or** biofuel not permitted under ORS 215.203 (2)(b)(L) or subsection (1)(r) of this section.
 - (b) Operations conducted for:

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- (A) Mining and processing of geothermal resources as defined by ORS 522.005 and oil and gas as defined by ORS 520.005 not otherwise permitted under subsection (1)(f) of this section;
- (B) Mining, crushing or stockpiling of aggregate and other mineral and other subsurface resources subject to ORS 215.298;
 - (C) Processing, as defined by ORS 517.750, of aggregate into asphalt or portland cement; and
 - (D) Processing of other mineral resources and other subsurface resources.
- (c) Private parks, playgrounds, hunting and fishing preserves and campgrounds. Subject to the approval of the county governing body or its designee, a private campground may provide yurts for overnight camping. No more than one-third or a maximum of 10 campsites, whichever is smaller, may include a yurt. The yurt shall be located on the ground or on a wood floor with no permanent foundation. Upon request of a county governing body, the Land Conservation and Development Commission may provide by rule for an increase in the number of yurts allowed on all or a portion of the campgrounds in a county if the commission determines that the increase will comply with the standards described in ORS 215.296 (1). As used in this paragraph, "yurt" means a round, domed shelter of cloth or canvas on a collapsible frame with no plumbing, sewage disposal hookup or internal cooking appliance.
- (d) Parks and playgrounds. A public park may be established consistent with the provisions of ORS 195.120.
- (e) Community centers owned by a governmental agency or a nonprofit community organization and operated primarily by and for residents of the local rural community. A community center authorized under this paragraph may provide services to veterans, including but not limited to emergency and transitional shelter, preparation and service of meals, vocational and educational counseling and referral to local, state or federal agencies providing medical, mental health, disability income replacement and substance abuse services, only in a facility that is in existence on January 1, 2006. The services may not include direct delivery of medical, mental health, disability income replacement or substance abuse services.
 - (f) Golf courses on land determined not to be high-value farmland, as defined in ORS 195.300.
 - (g) Commercial utility facilities for the purpose of generating power for public use by sale.
- (h) Personal-use airports for airplanes and helicopter pads, including associated hangar, maintenance and service facilities. A personal-use airport, as used in this section, means an airstrip restricted, except for aircraft emergencies, to use by the owner, and, on an infrequent and occasional basis, by invited guests, and by commercial aviation activities in connection with agricultural operations. No aircraft may be based on a personal-use airport other than those owned or controlled by the owner of the airstrip. Exceptions to the activities permitted under this definition may be

granted through waiver action by the Oregon Department of Aviation in specific instances. A personal-use airport lawfully existing as of September 13, 1975, shall continue to be permitted subject to any applicable rules of the Oregon Department of Aviation.

- (i) Home occupations as provided in ORS 215.448.
- (j) A facility for the primary processing of forest products, provided that such facility is found to not seriously interfere with accepted farming practices and is compatible with farm uses described in ORS 215.203 (2). Such a facility may be approved for a one-year period which is renewable. These facilities are intended to be only portable or temporary in nature. The primary processing of a forest product, as used in this section, means the use of a portable chipper or stud mill or other similar methods of initial treatment of a forest product in order to enable its shipment to market. Forest products, as used in this section, means timber grown upon a parcel of land or contiguous land where the primary processing facility is located.
- (k) A site for the disposal of solid waste approved by the governing body of a city or county or both and for which a permit has been granted under ORS 459.245 by the Department of Environmental Quality together with equipment, facilities or buildings necessary for its operation.
- (L) One manufactured dwelling or recreational vehicle, or the temporary residential use of an existing building, in conjunction with an existing dwelling as a temporary use for the term of a hardship suffered by the existing resident or a relative of the resident. Within three months of the end of the hardship, the manufactured dwelling or recreational vehicle shall be removed or demolished or, in the case of an existing building, the building shall be removed, demolished or returned to an allowed nonresidential use. The governing body or its designee shall provide for periodic review of the hardship claimed under this paragraph. A temporary residence approved under this paragraph is not eligible for replacement under subsection (1)(p) of this section.
 - (m) Transmission towers over 200 feet in height.
 - (n) Dog kennels.

- (o) Residential homes as defined in ORS 197.660, in existing dwellings.
- (p) The propagation, cultivation, maintenance and harvesting of aquatic species that are not under the jurisdiction of the State Fish and Wildlife Commission or insect species. Insect species shall not include any species under quarantine by the State Department of Agriculture or the United States Department of Agriculture. The county shall provide notice of all applications under this paragraph to the State Department of Agriculture. Notice shall be provided in accordance with the county's land use regulations but shall be mailed at least 20 calendar days prior to any administrative decision or initial public hearing on the application.
- (q) Construction of additional passing and travel lanes requiring the acquisition of right of way but not resulting in the creation of new land parcels.
- (r) Reconstruction or modification of public roads and highways involving the removal or displacement of buildings but not resulting in the creation of new land parcels.
- (s) Improvement of public road and highway related facilities, such as maintenance yards, weigh stations and rest areas, where additional property or right of way is required but not resulting in the creation of new land parcels.
- (t) A destination resort that is approved consistent with the requirements of any statewide planning goal relating to the siting of a destination resort.
- (u) Room and board arrangements for a maximum of five unrelated persons in existing residences.
 - (v) Operations for the extraction and bottling of water.

- (w) Expansion of existing county fairgrounds and activities directly relating to county fairgrounds governed by county fair boards established pursuant to ORS 565.210.
- (x) A living history museum related to resource based activities owned and operated by a governmental agency or a local historical society, together with limited commercial activities and facilities that are directly related to the use and enjoyment of the museum and located within authentic buildings of the depicted historic period or the museum administration building, if areas other than an exclusive farm use zone cannot accommodate the museum and related activities or if the museum administration buildings and parking lot are located within one quarter mile of an urban growth boundary. As used in this paragraph:
- (A) "Living history museum" means a facility designed to depict and interpret everyday life and culture of some specific historic period using authentic buildings, tools, equipment and people to simulate past activities and events; and
- (B) "Local historical society" means the local historical society recognized by the county governing body and organized under ORS chapter 65.
- (y) An aerial fireworks display business that has been in continuous operation at its current location within an exclusive farm use zone since December 31, 1986, and possesses a wholesaler's permit to sell or provide fireworks.
- (z) A landscape contracting business, as defined in ORS 671.520, or a business providing landscape architecture services, as described in ORS 671.318, if the business is pursued in conjunction with the growing and marketing of nursery stock on the land that constitutes farm use.
- (aa) Public or private schools for kindergarten through grade 12, including all buildings essential to the operation of a school, primarily for residents of the rural area in which the school is located.
- (3) Roads, highways and other transportation facilities and improvements not allowed under subsections (1) and (2) of this section may be established, subject to the approval of the governing body or its designee, in areas zoned for exclusive farm use subject to:
- (a) Adoption of an exception to the goal related to agricultural lands and to any other applicable goal with which the facility or improvement does not comply; or
- (b) ORS 215.296 for those uses identified by rule of the Land Conservation and Development Commission as provided in section 3, chapter 529, Oregon Laws 1993.

SECTION 15. ORS 308A.056 is amended to read:

- 308A.056. (1) As used in ORS 308A.050 to 308A.128, "farm use" means the current employment of land for the primary purpose of obtaining a profit in money by:
 - (a) Raising, harvesting and selling crops.
- (b) Feeding, breeding, managing or selling livestock, poultry, fur-bearing animals or honeybees or the produce thereof.
 - (c) Dairying and selling dairy products.
- (d) Stabling or training equines, including but not limited to providing riding lessons, training clinics and schooling shows.
- (e) Propagating, cultivating, maintaining or harvesting aquatic species and bird and animal species to the extent allowed by the rules adopted by the State Fish and Wildlife Commission.
- (f) On-site constructing and maintaining equipment and facilities used for the activities described in this subsection.
- (g) Preparing, storing or disposing of, by marketing or otherwise, the products or by-products raised for human or animal use on land described in this section.
 - (h) Implementing a remediation plan previously presented to the assessor for the county in

which the land that is the subject of the plan is located.

- (i) Using land described in this section for any other agricultural or horticultural use or animal husbandry or any combination thereof.
- (2) "Farm use" does not include the use of land subject to timber and forestland taxation under ORS chapter 321, except land used exclusively for growing cultured Christmas trees or land described in ORS 321.267 (3) or 321.824 (3) (relating to land used to grow certain hardwood timber, including hybrid cottonwood).
 - (3) For purposes of this section, land is currently employed for farm use if the land is:
 - (a) Farmland, the operation or use of which is subject to any farm-related government program;
- (b) Land lying fallow for one year as a normal and regular requirement of good agricultural husbandry;
- (c) Land planted in orchards or other perennials, other than land specified in paragraph (d) of this subsection, prior to maturity;
- (d) Land not in an exclusive farm use zone that has not been eligible for assessment at special farm use value in the year prior to planting the current crop and has been planted in orchards, cultured Christmas trees or vineyards for at least three years;
- (e) Wasteland, in an exclusive farm use zone, dry or covered with water, neither economically tillable nor grazeable, lying in or adjacent to and in common ownership with farm use land and that is not currently being used for any economic farm use;
- (f) Except for land under a single family dwelling, land under buildings supporting accepted farming practices, including the processing facilities allowed by ORS 215.213 (1)(u) and 215.283 (1)(r) and the processing of farm crops into **bioenergy or** biofuel as commercial activities in conjunction with farm use under ORS 215.213 (2)(c) and 215.283 (2)(a);
 - (g) Water impoundments lying in or adjacent to and in common ownership with farm use land;
- (h) Any land constituting a woodlot, not to exceed 20 acres, contiguous to and owned by the owner of land specially valued for farm use even if the land constituting the woodlot is not utilized in conjunction with farm use;
- (i) Land lying idle for no more than one year when the absence of farming activity is the result of the illness of the farmer or a member of the farmer's immediate family, including injury or infirmity, regardless of whether the illness results in death;
- (j) Land described under ORS 321.267 (3) or 321.824 (3) (relating to land used to grow certain hardwood timber, including hybrid cottonwood);
- (k) Land used for the primary purpose of obtaining a profit in money by breeding, raising, kenneling or training greyhounds for racing;
- (L) Land subject to a remediation plan previously presented to the assessor for the county in which the land that is the subject of the plan is located; or
- (m) Land used for the processing of farm crops into **bioenergy or** biofuel, as defined in ORS 315.141, if:
 - (i) Only the crops of the landowner are being processed;
- (ii) The **bioenergy and** biofuel from all of the crops purchased for processing into **bioenergy or** biofuel [*is*] **are** used on the farm of the landowner; or
- (iii) The landowner is custom processing crops from other landowners in the area into bioenergy or biofuel [from other landowners in the area] for [their] use or sale by the landowners.
 - (4) As used in this section:
 - (a) "Accepted farming practice" means a mode of operation that is common to farms of a similar

- nature, necessary for the operation of these similar farms to obtain a profit in money and custom-2 arily utilized in conjunction with farm use.
 - (b) "Cultured Christmas trees" means trees:
 - (A) Grown on lands used exclusively for that purpose, capable of preparation by intensive cultivation methods such as plowing or turning over the soil;
 - (B) Of a marketable species;
 - (C) Managed to produce trees meeting U.S. No. 2 or better standards for Christmas trees as specified by the Agricultural Marketing Service of the United States Department of Agriculture; and
 - (D) Evidencing periodic maintenance practices of shearing for Douglas fir and pine species, weed and brush control and one or more of the following practices:
 - (i) Basal pruning;
- 12 (ii) Fertilizing;
 - (iii) Insect and disease control;
- (iv) Stump culture; 14
- 15 (v) Soil cultivation; or
- 16 (vi) Irrigation.

SECTION 16. The amendments to ORS 215.203, 215.213, 215.283 and 308A.056 by sections 12 to 15 of this 2010 Act apply to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

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> SECTION 17. The State Department of Energy shall conduct a study of biomass facility sites in this state, including retired or abandoned wood processing plants in rural communities, and the benefits of favorable tax treatment for biomass electrical generation operations in rural communities. The department shall report the results of the study to the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 before February 1, 2011.

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SECTION 18. The unit captions used in this 2010 Act are provided only for the convenience of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or express any legislative intent in the enactment of this 2010 Act.

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SECTION 19. This 2010 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the special session of the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.