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TO: The Honorable Peter Courtney, President of the Senate
The Honorable Tina Kotek, Speaker of the House

FROM: Jim Rue, Director,
Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD)

SUBJECT: Notice of Proposed New and Amended Rules and Amended Statewide Goal

The Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) is considering adoption of new administrative rules, and amendments to existing rules, to establish an alternative, streamlined method for cities outside of Metro to evaluate or amend an urban growth boundary (UGB). The proposed amendments include minor and technical changes to Statewide Planning Goal 14.

The proposed new and amended rules and goal amendment are necessary to implement legislation enacted by the 2013 Oregon Legislature, HB 2254 (ORS 197A), which required LCDC to adopt administrative rules establishing a new method for evaluating or amending a UGB by January 1, 2016. The new statutes also change the existing UGB evaluation methods provided in current administrative rules under OAR 660, division 24.

The Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) is soliciting public comment regarding the proposed new rules, rule amendments and minor statewide Goal amendments. The proposed new rules intended to provide the new streamlined UGB method will be at OAR 660, division 38. The changes to the existing UGB process will be provided by new and amended rules under OAR 660, division 24. Amendments to Statewide Planning Goal 14, which are also necessary to conform to new laws at ORS 197A.320, will be adopted under OAR 660-015-0000(14).

A draft of the proposed rules and other notices and fiscal statements will be available November 12, 2015, on DLCD's website at http://www.oregon.gov/LCD/Pages/UGB-Streamlining.aspx#Key_Documents.

LCDC held its first public hearing for this rulemaking on September 24, 2015. LCDC will hold a final public hearing, and may adopt the new and amended rules and Goal, on December 3, 2015. Interested persons may provide oral and written testimony to LCDC at the hearing regarding the proposed new rules and proposed rule and goal amendments. The public is encouraged to send written comments in advance of the hearing. Oral and written testimony will be accepted until the close of the hearing. The hearing on this topic is scheduled to begin at 9:30a.m. on December 3, 2015, at the Department of Land Conservation and Development, Basement Hearing Room, 635 Capitol St., Salem, Oregon.

Address written comments to the Chair of the Land Conservation and Development Commission, care of Casaria Taylor at the department's address above, or email comments to casaria.taylor@state.or.us. Fax comments to 503-378-6033. If you have questions about the proposed rules, contact Bob Rindy at 503-373-0008, or email: bob.rindy@state.or.us.

To obtain copies of the proposed new and amended rules amendments and related information by mail, email or fax, please contact Casaria Taylor at 503-934-0065; email casaria.taylor@state.or.us. The agenda for LCDC's December 3-4, 2015, meeting will be available on DLCD's website at <http://www.oregon.gov/LCD/Pages/meetings.aspx>

This notice is sent to the chairs of interim committees with authority over the subject matter of these rules, as required by ORS 183.335(15)(b).

- Senator Edwards
- Senator Olsen
- Representative Clem
- Representative Helm
- Representative Post

Enclosures