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SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 8, May 18–19, 2017, LCDC Meeting**

OREGON POPULATION FORECAST PROGRAM BRIEFING

I.   AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Jason Jurjevich, PhD, Assistant Director of the Population Research Center (PRC), a research institute in the College of Urban and Public Affairs at Portland State University (PSU), will provide the commission with a status report on the Oregon Population Forecast Program. The report will give an overview of the program and describe the feedback received from cities and counties.

For further information about this report, please contact Rob Hallyburton, Community Services Division Manager, at 503-934-0018 or rob.hallyburton@state.or.us.

II.   BACKGROUND

The Oregon Legislature enacted a bill in 2013 (HB 2253) that amended statute to transfer the responsibility for city and county population forecasting from counties to the PSU Population Research Center. Upon enactment of the law, PSU and the commission adopted rules to implement the program. The university's rules (OAR chapter 577, division 50) include procedures for developing, sharing, and approving population forecasts for each urban area and county in the state outside Metro and a schedule for completion. The commission's rules (OAR chapter 660, division 32) guide local government use of population forecasts for land use planning purposes.

Upon completion of PSU's rules, the Population Research Center began implementing the program. Initially, the state was divided into three regions, with the first region forecasts complete June 30, 2015, the second region in June 2016, and the third region scheduled to be complete June 30 of this year. Statute requires that forecast updates be completed at least every four years.