

Affordable housing proposal makes headway in House

Bill would expand urban growth boundary onto farmland

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SALEM — A bill aimed at increasing affordable housing by easing Oregon's land use requirements within two pilot projects is making head-

way in the state House.

Under House Bill 4079, the process for expanding "urban growth boundaries" would be expedited by exempting local governments from certain land use rules or goals on two 50-acre parcels — one next to a city with fewer than 25,000 residents and the other with more.

On Wednesday, the House Committee on Rules passed an amended version of the bill 5-3 and referred it to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The committee's amendment changes the size

threshold of the pilot project cities to 25,000 residents, down from 30,000 residents.

Pilot projects are excluded from Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties under the newest version of the bill.

Previously, the pilot projects were also barred in Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties, as well as a portion of Jefferson County, in addition to the Portland metropolitan area.

The bill previously won the unanimous approval of the House Committee on Rural Communities, Land Use and Water last week.

The Oregon Farm Bureau and conservation groups have opposed HB 4079, arguing that new housing developments should occur within existing urban growth boundaries where roads, powers and water are more readily available than in rural areas.

Another proposal to expedite urban growth boundaries more broadly across Oregon — Senate Bill 1575 — while allowing limited "inclusionary zoning" of housing tied to local incomes has died in committee.

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Center: Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare will operate it

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The Astoria City Council voted unanimously Tuesday night to urge the partnership behind the respite center to incorporate secure beds.

Warrenton City Commissioner Henry Balensifer had warned that he would withdraw his support if secure beds were not a component.

"This is welcome news. I am very grateful for Mr. Mays getting these assurances and I am relieved to hear our concerns were listened to," Balensifer said in a text message. "If our police chief deems this to be acceptable, I will renew my support for this facility."

The partnership, made up of Clatsop County, Columbia Memorial Hospital, Providence Seaside Hospital and Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, discussed secure rooms at a meeting Wednesday. Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare, the county's mental health contractor, will operate the respite center.

"I think that serves the best interests of public health, public safety and the needs of



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A new crisis respite center in Warrenton will have up to four secure rooms.

our acute and chronic mentally ill residents," said Astoria City Councilor Cindy Price, who wanted the additional security.

The respite center is under

construction and it remains unclear why the partnership waited until this point to commit to secure rooms.

Johnston said cost and a philosophical difference with

law enforcement were factors.

City leaders in Astoria and Warrenton had believed that a certain number of secure rooms was part of the initial pitch for the project.

In their letter, city councilors in Astoria implored the partnership to "look at this project from the perspective of those responsible for providing public safety services

to the community, and take the steps necessary to include secure beds within the respite center.

"They are a necessary service to the community."

Suit: Ferguson's complaint was the first of two filed recently

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Ray said Ferguson's complaint failed to establish that she was forced to return to work early after an injury, or that she was retaliated against as a whistleblower.

In the memo, Management and Training Corp. said Ferguson was terminated for violating fraternization rules by giving a key to her house to a student when she was out of town, as well as giving a gift to another student.

Management and Training Corp. said Ferguson didn't report any gender discrimination until the possibility of her termination arose. The company also provided evidence of seven other employees previously fired for fraternization, three male and four female.

"This is exactly what my attorney told me was going to happen," Ferguson said, declining further comment.

Eric Fjelstad, Ferguson's lawyer, was not immediately available.

First of two complaints

Ferguson's complaint was the first of two filed recently against Management and Training Corp. by fired employees. Loretto Jones, a seamanship instructor, alleges she was retaliated against and eventually terminated for reporting unsafe work conditions, poor treatment of students, unqualified staff and other issues with Tongue Point's seamanship program. A report by the company in response to Jones' allega-

tions found almost all of them unfounded.

Jones filed claims with the Bureau of Labor and Industries against both Management and Training Corp. and the Inlandboatmen's Union, which sponsors the school's seamanship program and employed her as an instructor.

Collision cleared

Katrina Gasser, the business and community liaison for Tongue Point, said an

insurance claim related to a minor collision with the seamanship program's training vessel, the Ironwood, had also been closed, with no payout by Management and Training Corp.

Thomas Lloyd, captain of the fishing vessel Miss Emily, claimed the Ironwood scraped his outrigger while he was towing another boat upriver near Point Adams in July. A report by Management and Training Corp. maintained the Ironwood was not

at fault based on navigation regulations, video of the accident and radio conversations during the incident recorded by the U.S. Coast Guard. The Coast Guard had declined to investigate the incident because of the minor nature of the damage.

Gasser said Len Tumbarello, head of the seamanship program, had also earned his master's license in order to operate the Ironwood without the supervision of another captain.

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TV LISTINGS

Evening listings
THURSDAY

THURSDAY EVENING													FEBRUARY 18	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Grey's Anatomy "All I Want Is You" (N)	Scandal "The Candidate" (N)	Away With Murder "She Hates Us" (N)	KATU News at 11 (3:35) Jimmy Kimmel					
3	KRCW	(3) Seinfeld Pt. 1 of 2	Seinfeld	Modern Family	Modern Family	Legends of Tomorrow "Fall Safe" (N)	The 100 "Hakeldama" (N)	KGW News at 10 (3:35) Access H.	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother				
4	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Grey's Anatomy "All I Want Is You" (N)	Scandal "The Candidate" (N)	Away With Murder "She Hates Us" (N)	KOMO 4 News (3:35) Jimmy Kimmel					
5	KING	(5) NBC Nightly News	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	Apocal "What Happens to Idiots" (N)	The Blacklist "Drexel" (N)	ShadeBlue "Undiscovered Country" (N)	KING 5 News (3:35) Tonight (N)					
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN 6 News at 6	CBS Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight	The Big Bang (N) "Life in Pieces" (N)	Mom (N)	Angel Hell (N)	KOIN 6 News @ 11 (3:35) S.Colbert					
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News	CBS Evening News	The Insider	Ent. Tonight	The Big Bang (N) "Life in Pieces" (N)	Mom (N)	Angel Hell (N)	Elementary "A Study in Charlotte" (N)	KIRO 7 News (3:35) S.Colbert				
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m.		Live at Seven	Inside Edition	Apocal "What Happens to Idiots" (N)	The Blacklist "Drexel" (N)	ShadeBlue "Undiscovered Country" (N)	KGW News at 11 (3:35) Tonight (N)					
10	KOPB	(10) Curious Traveler	Nightly Business	PBS NewsHour		Art Beat (N)	Oregon Guide (N)	Vera "Death of a Family Man"	Mercy Street "The Dead Room"				Film School Shorts	
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News		Family Feud	Family Feud	American Idol "Showcase #4: Judges Vote" (N)		10 O'Clock News	11 O'Clock News	Loves Ray				
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's 8 O'Clock News on PDX-TV	FOX 12's 9 O'Clock News on PDX-TV	The Mentalist "Redwood"	The Mentalist "Red-Handed"					
19	KCPQ	(19) Name Game	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	American Idol "Showcase #4: Judges Vote" (N)		Q13 News at 10	Q13 News	Modern Family				
20	TBS	(20) Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Friends Pt. 1 of 2	Friends			
22	KZJQ	(22) Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Friends Pt. 1 of 2	Friends		
29	ESPN	(29) NCAA Basketball Wisconsin at Michigan State (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	SportsCenter					
30	ESPN2	(30) (5:00) NCAA Basketball SMU/Con. (L)		NCAA Basketball Utah at UCLA (L)				College Basketball Jalen & Jacoby (N)	NBA Tonight	NFL Live	Lil' Joints (N)			
31	NICK	(31) The Thundermans	The Thundermans	Paradise Run (N)	Henry Danger	★★ The Last Airbender (2010, Action) Dev Patel, Jackson Rathbone, Noah Ringer.		Full House	Friends	Friends				
32	DISN	(32) Austin & Ally	Girl Meets World	Girl Meets World	Liv and Maddie	Zapped (2014, Fantasy) Chanelle Peloso, Zendaya.	(4:45) K.C. Underc.	(15) K.C. Underc.	(40) Stuck Middle	(05) Girl Meets W.	Liv and Maddie			
34	FAM	(34) ★★★ Liar Liar (1997, Comedy) Maura Tierney, Cary Elwes, Jim Carrey.				(15) ★★★ Back to the Future (1985, Comedy) Christopher Lloyd, Lea Thompson, Michael J. Fox.					The 700 Club			
35	FMC	(35) (5:00) Getaway	(5:00) ★ Getaway (2013, Action) Selena Gomez, Jon Voight, Ethan Hawke.			(35) FXM Presents	★★ Savages (2012, Crime Story) Taylor Kitsch, Blake Lively, Aaron Taylor-Johnson.						(40) FXM Presents	
36	LIFE	(36) Project Runway "Some Like It Hot Dog"	Runway "Four Seasons in One Finale"			Social "What Makes an All Star?" (N)	Project Runway "Let It Flow" (N)	Child Genius (N)			Project Runway: All Stars "Let It Flow"			
38	ROOT	(38) NCAA Basketball Pacific at Gonzaga (L)				NCAA Basketball San Francisco at Pepperdine		In Depth (N)	NCAA Basketball Pacific at Gonzaga					
39	FST	(39) (4:00) NASCAR Racing Duel at Daytona		Fox Sports Live		NCAA Basketball California vs. Washington (L)		Fox Sports Live	TMZ Sports (N)	Fox Sports Live				
43	SPIKE	(43) ★★ Escape Plan (2013, Action) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jim Caviezel, Sylvester Stallone.				(55) Tosh.0	(25) Tosh.0	Lip Sync Battle	Lip Sync Battle	Lip Sync Battle (N)	Lip Sync Battle	Lip Sync Battle	Lip Sync Battle	
44	COM	(44) (2:00) Futurama	(5:00) South Park	(25) South Park "Lil' Crime Stoppers"		Vikings "Breaking Point"		Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Workaholics (N)	Idiot'sitter (N)	The Daily Show	The Nightly Show	
45	HIST	(45) Vikings "Paris"		Vikings "To the Gates!"		Vikings "The Dead"		Vikings "The Dead"		Vikings "A Good Treason" (N)	Join or Die (N)	Join or Die	Join or Die	
46	A&E	(46) The First 48		The First 48		First 48 "Soldier Down/ Blood Vendetta"		The First 48		The First 48 "The Killer Verdict" (N)	The First 48 "Abandoned by the Bayou"			
47	TLC	(47) My 600-lb Life "Susan's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Chad's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Gideon's Story" (N)		Extreme Weight Loss "Sally" Serious injuries resulted in Sally weighing 335 pounds.		Skin Tight "Cutting Deep" (N)				
49	DISC	(49) Diesel Brothers		Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud		Diesel Brothers		Street Outlaws	Street Outlaws			
49	NBC	(49) Alaska State Troopers "Knife Fight"		Alaska State Troopers "Chopper Down"		Alaska State Troopers "Burning Alaska"		Tuna "May the Fish Be With You"		Big Fish, Texas "The Warsaw Pact"	Tuna "May the Fish Be With You"			
50	TNT	(50) (5:00) NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Cleveland Cavaliers (L)		NBA Basketball San Antonio Spurs at Los Angeles Clippers Site: Staples Center -- Los Angeles, Calif. (L)		Inside the NBA		Inside the NBA		NBA Basketball Chicago vs Cleveland				
51	AMC	(51) (5:00) ★★★ Live Free or Die Hard (07) Justin Long, Timothy Olyphant, Bruce Willis.		★★★ Top Gun (1986, Action) Kelly McGillis, Val Kilmer, Tom Cruise.		WWE Smackdown! WWE superstars do battle in long-running rivalries.		Colony "Yoknapatawpha" (N)		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Pop"				
52	USA	(52) (5:30) ★★★ Gone in 60 Seconds (00) Angelina Jolie, Giovanni Ribisi, Nicolas Cage.		WWE Smackdown! WWE superstars do battle in long-running rivalries.		Chopped "Love Bites"		Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay			
53	FOOD	(53) Chopped "Cake Walk"		Chopped "Sitcom Moms"		Chopped "Haricot Flair"		House Hunters	House Hunters (N)	Five Day Flip				
54	HGTV	(54) Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	House Hunters	House Hunters (N)	Five Day Flip				
56	FX	(56) (4:30) ★★★ Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol		World War Z (2013, Action) Mireille Enos, Daniella Kertesz, Brad Pitt.				Baskets (N)	Baskets	Baskets	The Mask (94)			
57	CNN	(57) Anthony Bourdain "Charleston"		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360		Anthony Bourdain "Charleston"		CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	Amanpour		
58	FNC	(58) The Kelly File with Megyn Kelly		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File with Megyn Kelly		Hannity	On the Record			
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Profit "A Progress Report #4"		Filthy Rich Guide	Filthy Rich Guide	Paid Program	Paid Program			
63	BRAV	(63) Top Chef "Where's the Beef?"		T. Chef "Restaurant Wars, Part One" 1/2	T. Chef "Restaurant Wars, Part Two" 2/2			Top Chef "Hammer Time" (N)		Deception "Your'e Bacon Me Crazy" (N)	WatchWhat (N)	Top Chef		
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) An American in Paris Gene Kelly.		★★ Bandwagon (1996, Comedy) Matthew Hennessy, Lee Holmes, Kevin Corrigan.		★★★ Strangers on a Train (51) Robert Walker, Ruth Roman, Farley Granger.		Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo		The Cabin in the Woods				
65	SYFY	(65) (5:00) The Crazies Timothy Olyphant.		★★★ Final Destination (00, Susp) Kerr Smith, Seann William Scott, Devon Sawa.		★ Final Destination 2 (2003, Thriller) A.J. Cook, Michael Landes, Ali Larter.								
162	RFD	(162) SF Machinery Show/Small Town		Rural America "Live" "AARP Live"		Steve Lantvit	Rural Eve. News	Market Journal	GA Farm Monitor	SF Machinery Show/Small Town			Time Life Library	

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