



## Memorandum

**Date:** March 6, 2015

**To:** West Linn City Council

**From:** Chris Jordan, City Manager *CJ*

**Subject:** Legislative Update

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This week, Assistant City Manager Kirsten Wyatt and I met with State Representative Julie Parrish in Salem. (We were joined by Chris Lyon from Clackamas County's Public and Government Relations.) The main topic was to inform Representative Parrish of the Council's direction to staff to prepare a letter opposing the passage of HB 2800 which would allow cities to take over the governance of county service districts.

In addition to HB 2800, we also discussed legislation that has been introduced regarding land use, especially those that might impact our continuing discussions and litigation on the designation of the Stafford area. Specifically, there is pending legislation that would terminate all litigation stemming from the urban/rural reserve decision and make Metro's designation final. Although we did not discuss details of this legislation, it is clear that there are cities and counties that would like to see such an action taken by the legislature because it would provide certainty and finality to this process.

I have placed on the Council's March 23 agenda a decision on Clackamas County's invitation for mediation on the issue of the designation of the Stafford area. I am concerned that if the Council does not respond to the request soon, some legislators in Salem may become impatient and want to move forward with legislative action.

Next week will we meet with Senator Richard Devlin to discuss HB 2800 and other legislative matters.