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REP. BERGER TRAVELS STATE TO FIELD LAND USE QUESTIONS

THE HOUSE LAND USE REVIEW COMMITTEE SOLICITING PUBLIC RESPONSES IN A SERIES OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

SALEM – Representative Vicki Berger (R-Salem), will travel to Hermiston on Wednesday, June 16 to attend a House Land Use Review Committee public hearing. Rep. Berger, who is the Vice-Chair of the committee, will field responses from the public to several land use law questions. The committee will also discuss Umatilla County's current periodic review process.

The June 16 land use hearing is the second of a series of public hearings the committee is holding throughout the state this summer. The first public hearing was held in Klamath Falls on May 14. Future dates, times and locations of the hearings will be announced later.

The questions the committee will ask the public are:

1. What land use laws, if any, need to be adjusted or improved?
2. Considering Oregon's land use laws over the past thirty years, what should be done to improve the state/local relationship regarding program/goal administration?
3. How can the state better encourage business enterprises within the constraints of our current land use system?
4. Is the Oregon land use system equitable in terms of:
    - Protecting farmland within the Willamette Valley over farmland in other regions of the state?
    - Limiting future generational choices in terms of property usage?
    - Restricting industrial/business use on farmland?

The public is encouraged to participate in these hearings. After listening to citizen responses, the committee will summarize the responses, determine if statutory adjustments are needed and, if needed, adopt legislative concepts that could be considered during by the 73rd Legislative Assembly when the regular legislative session begins in January.

This press release and an archive of previous press releases issued by Rep. Berger's office are available on the web at: www.leg.state.or.us/berger.

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