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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB663

Chairperson: Senator Rita Sanders

Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Date of Hearing: February 28, 2025

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB663 establishes a clear and streamlined process for reviewing conditional use permits and special exception applications. Upon receiving an application, the planning commission has 30 days to assess its completeness. If the application is incomplete, the commission must notify the applicant within 10 days. The process is then on hold until the applicant submits the required information. Once an application is deemed complete, the planning commission must either approve, deny, or forward a recommendation to the county board within 90 days.

The county board then has 30 days from receiving the commission's recommendation to review the application. If deemed incomplete, the board must notify the applicant within 10 days. Again, the process is then on hold until the applicant submits the required information.. The board must issue a decision within 90 days of determining the application is complete.

Both the planning commission and county board will presume the applicant's compliance with all local, state, and federal regulations unless evidence proves otherwise. If no such evidence is presented, the application will be approved. The granting of a permit does not exempt the applicant from fulfilling other regulatory requirements.

Additionally, each member of the planning commission and county board must complete two hours of education per term on matters relevant to their role under this section. This education will be developed and presented by the county attorney.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Tanya Storer