



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 2, 2026

SUBJECT: **Work Session:** BOCC direction to proceed with a public hearing to consider adoption of a new section of Deschutes County Code, to wit, DCC 2.35 – Contested Case Procedures.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Conduct work session; receive staff input.

Direction to staff to proceed with a public hearing to consider adoption of DCC 2.35 – Contested Case Procedures.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Applicable provisions in ORS authorize the Oregon Health Authority to enter into agreements (IGA) with local governments providing for licensing, inspection and enforcement of state public and environmental health laws. ORS and the IGA obligate the County to have an administrative hearings process. The County has relied on provisions in DCC 2.37 to meet this requirement, however, DCC 2.37 is specific to contracting and procurement and is not a good fit for contested public and environmental health hearings. The proposed section 2.35 will provide a clear and ORS/IGA compliant process for processing contested matters.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

None

ATTENDANCE:

Health staff

Legal