

# HB 2800

## LOCAL UTILITY ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

House Bill 2800 allows cities in county service districts to assume control of those districts when most district residents are also city residents.

This helps ensure that these districts are accountable and responsive to the residents they serve.

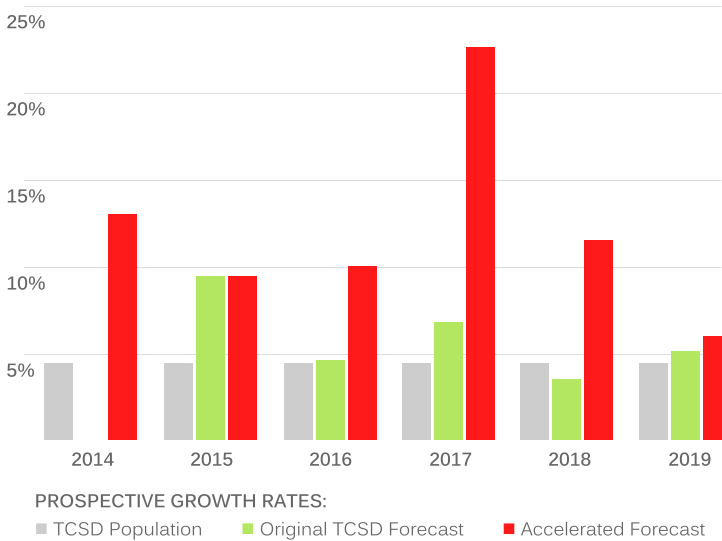
### Example: Tri-City Service District

The Tri-City Service District provides sewer services to the residents of Gladstone, Oregon City, and West Linn. However, the District is controlled by the Clackamas County Commissioners, none of whom live in the District.

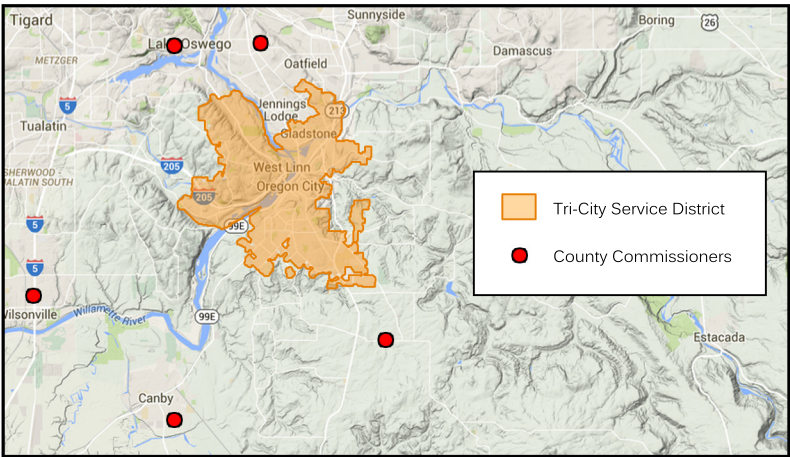
Despite the District's contemplation of a string of rate hikes as high as 25% in a single year, none of the governing body members live in the District. In other words, they're imposing a fee that none of them have to pay. In many cases, it has been unclear what needs are driving these rate increases.

Because the governing board is outside of the district, affected residents have little say over district governance.

Under HB 2800, the cities of Gladstone, Oregon City, and West Linn would be able to decide together to assume direct responsibility over the District, ensuring that rate-setting decisions are made by residents.



Despite stable population growth within the Tri-City Service District, rates are contemplated to jump far above initial projections. The need for such an increase has been unclear.



Although the Clackamas County Commission governs the Tri-City Service District, none of the Commissioners actually live in the District.

House Bill 2800 creates accountability for local service districts.