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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires rental agreements to indicate whether smoking is prohibited on the rental property, allowed, or allowed only in specific areas on the property. Exempts owner-occupied mobile homes and house boats from the rental agreement requirement. Specifies requirement is to be included in rental agreement and smoke detection statutes.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Property exceptions to legislation
- Effects of secondhand smoke exposure – travel mechanism to include light fixtures, ceiling crawl spaces, doorways, unit residue from previous tenants
- Outreach to landlords to adopt no-smoking rules or inclusion in rental agreements

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: According to the Oregon Department of Human Services, a recent study in Portland indicates more than 75 percent of renters would prefer to live in smoke free housing and half would pay extra to live in a smoke free building, but only 20 percent of rental properties are designated as non-smoking.

Currently, landlords in Oregon are not required to inform potential tenants whether or not smoking is allowed in rental housing.

In *The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke: A Report of the Surgeon General*, the Surgeon General has concluded that:

- Secondhand smoke exposure causes disease and premature death in children and adults who do not smoke
- Children exposed to secondhand smoke are at increased risk for sudden infant death syndrome, acute respiratory infections, ear problems and more severe asthma
- Exposure of adults to secondhand smoke has immediate adverse effects on the cardiovascular system and causes coronary heart disease and lung cancer
- Eliminating smoking in indoor spaces fully protects non-smokers from exposure to secondhand smoke
- Separating smokers from non-smokers, cleaning the air and ventilating buildings cannot eliminate exposures of nonsmokers to secondhand smoke

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