

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued**

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
<b>Vote:</b>	7 - 0 - 1
<b>Yeas:</b>	Berger, Edwards C., Garrard, Gelser, Jenson, Read, Roblan
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Nolan
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	5/29, 6/2

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires that providers of transient lodging ensure the availability of a lift system to allow persons with disabilities to access the bed, toilet and shower or bathtub. Applies only to newly constructed facilities of 175 or more rooms or suites or facilities remodeled, renovated, or reconstructed after the effective date. Limits liability of owner of lodging place to injury caused by gross negligence or recklessness.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of the measure

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Narrows application of statute. Increases to 175 the number of rooms in a facility before installation of a lift system is required. Permits lodging providers to choose the type of lift system to be installed. Defines lift system. Limits liability of owner of lodging place to injury caused by gross negligence or recklessness.

**BACKGROUND:** According to a report issued in 2000 by the University of California's Disability Statistics Center, almost seven million community-based Americans use some form of assistive device; almost two million of those use wheelchairs or scooters while the balance use canes, walkers or crutches. Almost one-third of mobility device users need assistance from another person with the daily activities of living.

Proponents of House Bill 2600-A assert that the cost of lift devices ranges from \$600 to \$2,000 and that potential liability issues for business owners is minimal compared to the impact the installation of such devices would have on the independence and dignity of Oregon's disabled population. Opponents of the legislation say the measure creates too much liability potential for installation, maintenance and use of the equipment, and that system costs are much higher than those estimated by advocates.