

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Without Recommendation as to Passage and Be Referred to the Committee on Rules
Vote:	5 - 4 - 0
Yeas:	Boone, Cowan, Dembrow, VanOrman, Tomei
Nays:	Freeman, Huffman, Maurer, Olson
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/4, 4/10, 4/27

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 50 or more rooms or suites or facilities remodeled, renovated, or reconstructed after the effective date.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Definition of major remodel
- Concern about unit cost
- Dignity and normalcy in life for functioning
- Cross compatibility of equipment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

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 this legislation 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 bill creates too much liability potential for installation, maintenance and use of the equipment, and that systems costs are much higher than those estimated by advocates.