75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 2613 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Rep. Buckley

House Committee on Consumer Protection

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 10 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Barton, Cowan, Gilliam, Krieger, Matthews, Riley, Tomei, Weidner, Wingard, Holvey

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 3/6, 3/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Prohibits landlords from charging tenants more for utilities or services than utilities or service providers charge landlords.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Commercial vs. residential utility rates
- Metering for each unit
- Shared charges for common areas

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Clarifies how landlords are to bill tenants for utilities and other service charges. Makes technical corrections for consistency with Public Utility Commission regulations.

BACKGROUND: HB 2613-A arose from a case involving the Myra Lynne Mobile Home Park in Medford, in which the park was being charged a commercial rate for electricity, but was required by rule to charge tenants at the residential rate. The amended measure clarifies the process for landlords to charge tenants for utilities and other services.