

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar
<b>Vote:</b>	9 - 0 - 1
<b>Yeas:</b>	Barton, Cowan, Gilliam, Krieger, Matthews, Tomei, Weidner, Wingard, Holvey
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Riley
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Victoria Cox, Administrator
<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	4/29

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Allows intervenors to recover costs and reasonable attorney fees in administrative hearings involving housing discrimination. Makes Oregon law substantially equivalent to federal law. Declares an emergency; effective July 1, 2009.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Equivalency with federal law
- Provisions of the measure

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) investigates cases of fair housing discrimination under a contract with the United State Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that requires “substantial equivalency” between state and federal law. Senate Bill 59 makes a technical change to Oregon law in order to comply with federal standards.