

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass
<b>Vote:</b>	9 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Boone, Cowan, Dembrow, Freeman, Huffman, Maurer, Olson, VanOrman, Tomei
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	5/8, 5/22

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Declares homelessness a detriment to individuals, families and communities and establishes a state policy regarding homelessness requiring the Department of Human Services and the Housing and Community Services Department to work together to encourage innovation and create a comprehensive and collaborative support system and housing resources required to end and prevent homelessness.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Number of homeless
- Effects of homelessness on children
- Societal, systemic costs of homelessness
- Benefits of establishing a state policy on homelessness
- Effects of creating permanent housing as the first step in significantly reducing homelessness

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

**BACKGROUND:** In 2006, the Governor established by executive order the Ending Homelessness Advisory Council (EHAC), comprised of state and local agencies, to address the problems of homelessness in Oregon. Senate Bill 200 is part of EHAC's 10-year plan to end homelessness.

The comprehensive and collaborative support system called for by SB 200 includes:

- Community based treatment;
- Outreach services;
- Early intervention strategies;
- Housing; and
- Public welfare programs.

The coordination of multi-agency services, according to the bill, will be designed to create integrated, cost-effective programs that address the needs of the homeless population in a seamless manner and should be designed to increase accountability and cost effectiveness.