

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 9 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Boone, Cowan, Dembrow, Freeman, Huffman, Maurer, Olson, VanOrman, Tomei

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

Prepared By: Keely West, Administrator

Meeting Dates: 5/18, 5/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Prohibits fees for assistance animals in rented housing.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Department of Housing and Urban Development compliance
- Definition of assistance animal

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) contracts with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to investigate cases of fair housing discrimination. The contract allows Oregon complainants to have their cases investigated locally, rather than from HUD's regional office in Seattle. Maintaining this contract requires that Oregon law show substantial equivalency to federal law. Senate Bill 875 clarifies ambiguous state law regarding fees charged to physically impaired renters for their assistance animals and assures compliance with federal law that prohibits fees or deposits for service animals from being charged to renters with specified disabilities.