

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 4 - 0 - 1
Yeas: Burdick, George, Rosenbaum, Bonamici
Nays: 0
Exc.: Girod
Prepared By: Lori Brocker, Administrator
Meeting Dates: 4/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Prohibits landlord from charging fee or deposit for assistance animal in rental housing. Declares emergency; effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Consistency with federal law
- Landlord recourse if assistance animal damages rental housing
- Interplay of state and federal law
- Persons with mental impairments
- Companion animals

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 provides a technical fix to state law and assures compliance with federal fair housing law.