76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 3361 CARRIER: Rep. Whisnant

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee on General Government and Consumer Protection

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass Vote: 8 - 0 - 0

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Meeting Dates: 3/24, 4/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires the Department of Consumer and Business Services to incorporate clustered mailbox accessibility standards in the Oregon Structural Specialty Code. Requires cities and counties to adopt the standards. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Lack of access to many clustered mailboxes
- Desire for curb ramps and space in front of mailbox to turn a wheelchair
- Use of clustered mailboxes is not required
- Traditional mailbox on a house not always a solution
- Funding for improved accessibility
- Requirements not retroactive

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 3361 incorporates clustered mailboxes into the definition of "related facilities" for the purpose of ensuring access by persons with disabilities. Other "related facilities" means building site improvements that include, but are not limited to, parking lots, passageways and roads. The U.S. Postal Service does not specify requirements for accessibility on clustered mailboxes.