

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
<b>Vote:</b>	7 - 0 - 2
<b>Yeas:</b>	Gallegos, Gelser, Gomberg, Keny-Guyer, Olson, Whitsett, Tomei
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Gilliam, Whisnant
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Regina Wilson, Administrator
<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	2/13, 3/8

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services for establishment of revolving loan fund to aid housing development for veterans or domestic violence victims. Distributes funds to the Recovery Assistance Project of Oregon. Declares emergency, effective on July 1, 2013.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- House autonomy
- Oxford House chapters
- Number of Oxford houses per capita
- Safe housing
- Housing for victims of domestic violence
- Oxford House program as a model

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Changes distribution of \$100,000 out of the General Fund from Oxford Houses of Oregon to the Recovery Association Project of Oregon. Adds to the list of individuals served, persons who are homeless or termed out of foster care.

**BACKGROUND:** Oxford Houses provide housing to men and women recovering from alcohol or drug use. Oregon has 155 Oxford houses with a capacity to house 1215 men and women at any time. The houses are located in 29 cities throughout 14 counties. In 2010, the median length of time for residing in Oxford House was six months. Oxford House addresses issues that range from children who have had some form of contact with the Department of Human Services to homelessness. A 2004 survey of Oregon women aged 20-55 years, reported that 31 percent of women reported one or more experiences of physical or sexual assault, stalking, or threats of violence. House Bill 2388 A appropriates funds to support housing victims of domestic violence, persons termed out of foster care, and others who may be experiencing homelessness.