## 77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 2980 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER:

House Committee on Human Services and Housing

**REVENUE: Revenue statement issued** 

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

**Action:** Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Tax

Credits by Prior Reference

**Vote:** 8 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Gallegos, Gilliam, Gomberg, Keny-Guyer, Olson, Whisnant, Whitsett, Tomei

Nays: 0

**Exc.:** Speaker Kotek

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/8, 4/1

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Extends sunset on tax credits related to farmworker housing ownership, operation and lending for construction or rehabilitative purposes to 2021. Modifies language referencing "farmworker housing". Changes name of Farmworker Housing Facilitation Team to Agriculture Workforce Housing Facilitation Team. Takes effect 91<sup>st</sup> day after adjournment sine die.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Economic impact of farmworker tax credit
- Housing conditions for farmworkers
- Opportunity for stable housing

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Modifies language to reflect "rehabilitation team" instead of "facilitation team" and removes lenders credit.

**BACKGROUND:** The Farmworker Housing Tax Credit (FWHTC) program provides a state income tax credit to those who pay or incur costs to construct, install, acquire or rehabilitate farmworker housing, as an incentive to undertake such projects. The tax credit is currently scheduled to sunset January 1, 2014. House Bill 2980 A extends the sunset to 2021 and modifies language.