

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Human Services and Early Childhood

REVENUE: No revenue impact**FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued****SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: None****Action:****Vote:**

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Nays:

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Replaces existing State Housing Council with Oregon Housing Stability Council (the new Council). Abolishes Advisory Committee on Energy and Community Development Incentive Advisory Board and transfers authority to the new Council. Abolishes Interagency Council on Hunger and Homelessness and transfers responsibility to the new Council. Authorizes new Council to provide Oregon Housing and Community Services with financial and budgetary oversight. Transfers responsibility for Oregon Hunger Relief Task Force to Department of Human Services and defines funding mechanism. Clarifies name changes and usage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

[-A5 amendment] Makes minor correction to permit Community Action Partnerships of Oregon to advise OHCS and the new Council (removing language “in conjunction with”).

BACKGROUND: In 2012, Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) was directed to examine and assess its service delivery systems, governance, and partnerships. It made recommendations to the Legislature in February of 2014 to effect a restructuring transition and address administrative inefficiencies. House Bill 2442-A captures those recommendations.

House Bill 2442-A replaces the existing State Housing Council with a new Oregon Housing Stability Council (the new Council), expands the new Council’s responsibilities, increases its membership from seven to nine, and authorizes it to provide oversight and policy direction across OHCS program areas. House Bill 2442-A also transfers authority from two advisory bodies to the new Council – the Advisory Committee on Energy and the Community Development Incentive Advisory Board – and abolishes the advisory bodies. The measure also abolishes the Interagency Council on Hunger and Homelessness and transfers responsibility for addressing homelessness to the new Council. The measure additionally transfers responsibility for leading state policy on hunger, and transfers the role of the Hunger Relief Task Force in relation to the new Council, to the Department of Human Services. Finally, the measure relieves OHCS of its role in relation to Housing Cost Impact Statements at ORS Chapter 183.

In short, House Bill 2442-A codifies OHCS’ transition plan by consolidating several commissions and task forces and centralizing responsibilities within a new Oregon Housing Stability Council.

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