

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

House Committee on Human Services and Housing

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: NONE

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 6/1, 6/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires report on housing stabilization programs by July 1, 2016, from Oregon Housing and Community Services, in consultation with Oregon Health Authority and Department of Human Services. Outlines items to be addressed in report.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impact of homelessness on individuals
- Barriers to re-housing
- Link between energy cost and housing instability

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment

BACKGROUND:

Stable housing has been shown to be a lynchpin to success in other areas of life. The ability to remain in school; school performance; the ability to find and maintain employment; work performance; obtaining care for personal health and wellness; following-through with care for personal health and wellness; maintaining family relationships and overall family stability – all are improved by stable housing.

Senate Bill 444 requires a report on housing stabilization programs by July 1, 2016, from Oregon Housing and Community Services.