

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Human Services and Housing

MEASURE: HB 2442 A
CARRIER: Rep. Keny-Guyer

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/20/15
Action: Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.
Meeting Dates: 02/11, 02/20

House

Yeas: 7 - Evans, Gallegos, Hayden, Taylor, Parrish, Stark, Keny-Guyer
Exc: 2 - Buehler, Piluso

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Replaces existing State Housing Council with Oregon Housing Stability Council (OHSC). Abolishes Advisory Committee on Energy and Community Development Incentive Advisory Board and transfers authority to OHSC. Abolishes Interagency Council on Hunger and Homelessness (ICHH) and transfers responsibility to OHSC. Authorizes Director to provide Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) 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:

- Consolidating task forces, commissions and advisory boards as recommended by OHCS service delivery review
- Engaging stakeholders extensively in planning process

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Authorizes Director to provide OHCS with financial and budgetary oversight. Directs OHCS to seek feedback from OHSC on state housing plan. Defines funding mechanism for Oregon Hunger Task Force. Harmonizes language. Clarifies name changes and usage.

BACKGROUND:

In 2012, OHCS was directed to examine and assess its service delivery systems, governance and partnerships. OHCS made corresponding recommendations to the legislature in February 2014. House Bill 2442-A captures those recommendations: It replaces the existing State Housing Council with a new Oregon Housing Stability Council, expands its responsibilities and increases the number of members from seven to nine. OHCS would like this body to provide oversight and policy direction across agency program areas moving forward. House Bill 2442A also transfers authority from two advisory bodies, the Advisory Committee on Energy (ACE) and the Community Development Incentive Advisory Board, to the new Oregon Housing Stability Council, and abolishes the advisory bodies. It also abolishes the Interagency Council on Hunger and Homelessness (ICHH) and transfers responsibility for addressing homelessness to the new Oregon Housing Stability Council. It further: transfers responsibility for leading state policy on hunger to the Department of Human Services (DHS); transfers the role of the Hunger Relief Task Force in relation to OHCS, to DHS; and relieves OHCS of its role in relation to Housing Cost Impact Statements in ORS Chapter 183.

In short, House Bill 2442-A codifies OHCS' transition plan by consolidating several commissions and task forces and creating the

Oregon Housing Stability Council.