

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**House Committee On Human Services and Housing****Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact**Action Date:** 04/20/15**Action:** Do Pass As Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, And Bill Be Referred To Rules.**Meeting Dates:** 04/20**Vote:**

Yeas: 6 - Evans, Gallegos, Keny-Guyer, Parrish, Piluso, Taylor

Nays: 3 - Buehler, Hayden, Stark

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Housing and Community Services to develop and implement the Affordable Family Housing Development Program. Creates Affordable Family Housing Development Fund within General Fund. Allows department to acquire, construct, develop, improve, rehabilitate and own affordable housing for families with children. Defines affordable housing, area median income, and development. Requires report to legislature by February 1, 2016.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Affordable housing availability
- Public/private partnerships

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Replaces original measure.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon's communities lack affordable housing. Some communities are facing vacancy rates of less than one percent, which has caused families who have received assistance, like Section 8 vouchers, to be unable to use them. The Governor's proposed budget included \$85 million in General Obligation, Article XI-Q Bonds, and \$15 million in Lottery Backed Bonds for the purpose of investing in affordable housing. Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) estimates that between 3,000 and 4,000 new units could be built with an investment of \$100 million.

House Bill 2198-A sets parameters for the affordable housing investment outlined in the Governor's proposed budget. To that end, the measure directs OHCS to use the funding to create new affordable housing targeting families at or below 60 percent median family income using public/private partnerships.