

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 06/03/15

Action: Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

Meeting Dates: 06/01, 06/03

Vote:

Yeas: 9 - Buehler, Evans, Gallegos, Hayden, Keny-Guyer, Parrish, Piluso, Stark, Taylor

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Clarifies language regarding housing programs administered by Oregon Housing and Community Services. Aligns eligibility criteria for Housing Development Guarantee Program and General Housing Account Program. Directs State Housing Council adopt policy to concentrate distribution of funds according to greatest need of persons with low and very low income.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Streamlining housing program eligibility
- Equitable distribution of housing resources

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Restores language requiring rulemaking on geographic distribution of funds.

BACKGROUND:

Current law requires Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) to govern distributions of funds from the Housing Development Guarantee Program and the General Housing Account Program in accordance with the following: To “best meet critical housing needs and build organizational capacity of partners throughout this state” while also requiring the “equitable distribution of resources over time based on objective measures of need, including the number and percentage of low and very low income households in an area” (ORS 458.665(9)).

SB 244-A aligns eligibility criteria for the Housing Development Guarantee Program and the General Housing Account. It also requires the State Housing Council to focus funding efforts on meeting the housing needs of persons with low and very low incomes.