

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services and Early Childhood

Fiscal: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

Sub. Referrals: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Revenue: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

Action Date:

Action:

Meeting Dates:

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Creates Local Innovation and Fast Track Housing Program to be developed and implemented by Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) and the Oregon Housing Stability Council (Council) to increase state-owned affordable housing that may be purchased or rented by low-income individuals and families. Authorizes General Fund appropriation from proceeds of Article XI-Q bonds. Specifies program parameters and considerations. Sets limits on state's legal interests in real property. Requires Department to report regularly to Council and by February 1, 2017 for three consecutive years to the Legislature. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Increasingly urgent need for affordable housing statewide
- Variety of factors that impact housing that differ from one area of the state to the next
- Housing stability being the lynchpin to a person's or family's stability overall
- Process of development of LIFT Housing Program

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

[-1 amendment]: Allows state to own *or operate* qualified properties. Directs OHCS to obtain advice and consent of Council on certain implementation matters. Permits OHCS discretion, with advice and consent of Council, to decide certain programmatic details. Directs Council to develop involvement with Department of Human Services. Makes other clarifying and conforming changes (adding to and refining definitions; replacing low income "individuals and families" with "households"; replacing "real" property with "qualified"; etc.) .

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Legislature approved \$40 million general obligation Article XI-Q bonds in 2015 for affordable housing but did not establish program parameters. House Bill 1582 creates the Local Innovation and Fast Track Housing Program (LIFT) that was developed by Oregon Housing and Community Services and the Housing Stability Council and its subcommittees, to structure the use and allocation of funds.