## HB 2011     STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Human Services and Housing

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| **Meeting Dates:** | 3/16 |

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs Oregon Housing and Community Services Department to administer study assessing disparities between federal and local fair market rent calculations. Establishes the Task Force on Housing Authority Capacity to assess housing authority capacity to provide services, determine methods to enhance capacity for housing authority and examine feasibility of implementing state-sponsored housing voucher program. Sunsets task force on December 31, 2018. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

*FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued*
*REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued*

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) implements the Housing Choice Voucher Program to assist low income families, the elderly and individuals who are disabled afford rental housing. HUD calculates the payment amounts for the Housing Choice Voucher Program, renewal rent for contracted rentals, rent for housing assistance payment contracts and rent ceiling for the HOME rental assistance program using the fair market rent (FMR) calculation. The FMR is a gross rent estimate based on shelter rent plus the cost of all tenant-paid utilities using census data.

House Bill 2011 directs Oregon Housing and Community Services Department to administer study assessing disparities between federal and local fair market rent calculations. The study would commission an independent research organization to conduct the study and partner with local housing authorities to collect data on local fair market rent estimates.

HB 2011 establishes the Task Force on Housing Authority Capacity to assess housing authority capacity to provide services, determine methods to enhance capacity for housing authority and examine feasibility of implementing state-sponsored housing voucher program.