

HB 2919 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires senior community residences providing residential accommodations to persons 55 years of age or older to notify Oregon Health Authority (OHA) about provision of food services. Directs OHA to adopt rules establishing foodborne illness prevention program for senior community residences. Requires OHA or local public health authority to inspect senior community residence annually for compliance with foodborne illness prevention program. Requires inspecting authority to impose corrective action on food services activities. Allows OHA to impose civil penalty and suspension of food services activities for violations of the prevention program. Requires person involved in food services at senior community residence to complete food handler training program.

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:

Oregon administrative rule for Department of Human Services' program on Aging and People with Disabilities outlines the minimum scope of resident services provided at residential care or assisted living facilities. Food preparation in residential care or assisted living facilities must be prepared and served in accordance with the Oregon Health Authority's Public Health Division food sanitation rules.

House Bill 2919 requires senior community residences providing residential accommodations to persons 55 years of age or older to notify Oregon Health Authority (OHA) about provision of food services. The bill directs OHA to adopt rules establishing foodborne illness prevention program for senior community residences. OHA or local public health authority would be required to inspect senior community residence annually for compliance with foodborne illness prevention program. HB 2919 requires the inspecting authority to impose corrective action on food services activities. The bill allows OHA to impose civil penalty and suspension of food services activities for violations of the prevention program. Additionally, the bill requires person involved in food services at senior community residence to complete food handler training program.