

HB 2210 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Housing and Community Services Department (OHCS) to develop and implement the Retaining Affordable Rental Housing Program to provide grants for rehabilitation and maintenance of multifamily rental housing at affordable rental rate. Requires OHCS to administer and monitor program in areas without a housing authority or enter into agreements with local housing authorities to administer and monitor the program. Creates the Retaining Affordable Rental Housing Program Fund and continuously appropriates money to OHCS for the program.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Preservation of affordable multifamily rental housing
- Repair and rehabilitation of units
- Contents of the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Replaces sections one and two.

Directs Housing and Community Services Department (OHCS) to develop and implement the Retaining Affordable Rental Housing Program (program) to provide financial assistance to owners of multifamily rental housing for rehabilitation and maintenance of housing at affordable rental rate. Requires OHCS to make forgivable loans to landowners of eligible multifamily rental housing and develop application process for loans. Allows OHCS to forgive ten percent of the loan each year the landowner rents units for an affordable rental rate. Requires OHCS and landowner to enter into a contract specifying purpose of loan, execution of written instruments and payment of loan used in violation of contract. Specifies landowner eligibility requirements to participate in the program.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 2210 directs Housing and Community Services Department (OHCS) to develop and implement the Retaining Affordable Rental Housing Program. This program would provide grants for rehabilitation and maintenance of multifamily rental housing at affordable rental rate not exceeding 30 percent of the median family income for a family of four in the county where the units are located. Landowners are eligible for up to \$10,000 grants if the multifamily rental housing contains 10 or more units, units have been available for rental for at least 10 consecutive years, and were rented at an affordable rental rate for 5 years. The measure requires OHCS to administer and monitor program in areas without a housing authority or enter into agreements with local housing authorities to administer and monitor the program.

House Bill 2210 additionally creates the Retaining Affordable Rental Housing Program Fund and continuously appropriates money to OHCS for the program to provide grants.