HB 3370 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines housing with services project as an entity coordinating two or more health and social services for senior citizens and people with disabilities living in public or private settings. Outlines types of health and social services included within a housing with services project. Requires housing with services project to register with Department of Human Services and meet certain requirements. Subjects housing with services project to oversight by Long Term Care Ombudsman. Becomes operative January 1, 2018. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Overview of housing with services projects
- Collaboration between agencies to develop inventory of housing with services projects
- Models of housing with services projects

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces the measure.

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BACKGROUND:

Housing with services programs are where an organization coordinates health and social services for senior citizens and people with disabilities living with low-income housing and subsidized housing. They are generally aimed at helping low-income residents maintain independent living while still having access to the health care and services they need. Other states, like Minnesota, require housing with services programs to be registered with the state in order to provide services. The Oregon Long Term Care Ombudsman is an independent office that performs oversight of residential facilities and also facilitates understanding of state and federal residential facility programs, laws, and policies.

House Bill 3370 defines a housing with services project as an entity that coordinates at least two health and social services for seniors or people with disabilities that live in publicly subsidized or private congregate settings. It requires that housing with services project register with the Department of Human Services (DHS). The measure also sets forth certain required conditions for housing with services project to register with DHS, including criminal background checks for staff, maintenance of confidential information, health plan participation and choice, a complaint process, and recipient participation in program development. Finally, House Bill 3370 subjects housing with services projects to oversight by the Long Term Care Ombudsman.