

HB 2446 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Housing and Community Services Department and Oregon Housing Stability Council to seek, obtain and renew existing waivers of specific federal rent subsidy and assistant payments. Specifies continued eligibility for federal rent subsidy and assistant payments for certain circumstances when individuals or families are otherwise eligible.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

United States Code (42 U.S. Code § 1437f) authorizes assistance payments for aiding low-income families in obtaining housing. Assistance contracts can be used to establish maximum monthly rent, at no more than 10 percent the fair market rental, for units occupied by low-income families.

House Bill 2446 requires the Housing and Community Services Department and the Oregon Housing Stability Council to seek, obtain and renew existing waivers of specific federal rent subsidy and assistant payments to ensure continued eligibility for individuals or families. The bill specifies continuing eligibility for federal rental subsidies and assistance payments for certain circumstances when individuals or families are otherwise eligible.