

HB 2937 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

Action Date: 03/23/17

Action: Without recommendation as to passage and be referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Vote: 8-1-0-0

Yeas: 8 - Keny-Guyer, Meek, Nearman, Noble, Olson, Piluso, Sanchez, Stark

Nays: 1 - Gorsek

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows an accessory dwelling unit on land zoned either exclusive farm use or rural residential use if constructed within 100 feet of an existing single family home and complies with county residential unit standards.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Siting of accessory dwelling units on land zoned for exclusive farm or rural residential use
- Purpose of exclusive farm use land
- Availability of affordable housing

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Accessory dwelling units (ADUs) are defined in an Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) report as smaller, ancillary dwelling units located on the same property as a primary residence. These units are self-contained homes and can be attached or detached from the primary residence.

House Bill 2937 would allow an accessory dwelling unit on land zoned either exclusive farm use or rural residential use if constructed within 100 feet of an existing single family home and complies with county residential unit standards and ordinances.