

HB 3373 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

Action Date: 04/06/17

Action: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 6-0-3-0

Yeas: 6 - Keny-Guyer, Meek, Nearman, Olson, Sanchez, Stark

Exc: 3 - Gorsek, Noble, Piluso

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department and Department of Land Conservation and Development to each employ one full-time equivalent employee to perform services relating to increasing availability of affordable housing. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Shortage of affordable housing in Oregon
- State land use planning goals
- Collaboration between state agencies to address affordable housing

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) Department reports that for housing to be considered affordable, a household should pay no more than one-third of their income towards rent. Oregon Statewide Planning Goal 10 directs applicable state and municipal agencies to help ensure an adequate supply of housing for Oregonians.

House Bill 3373 appropriates an unspecified amount of money from the General Fund to OHCS for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, for OHCS to use in hiring one full-time equivalent employee. That OHCS employee is tasked with providing services to local governments, developers, and communities to increase the availability of affordable housing and review options for changes to state policies relating to housing. House Bill 3373 makes a similar appropriation to the Department of Land Conservation and Development for the hiring of its own similarly tasked full-time equivalent employee.