

HB 2534 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

Action Date: 04/13/17

Action: Do pass with amendments
and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Gorsek, Keny-Guyer, Meek, Nearman, Noble, Olson, Piluso, Sanchez, Stark

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Has minimal revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes the Oregon Opportunity Commission (Commission) as of January 1, 2018. Specifies the purpose of the Commission to award funds, develop assessment tools, review laws and rules and identify incentives to address concentrated poverty. Establishes the Oregon Opportunity Fund and continuously appropriates money to the Commission. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Poverty in Oregon communities
- Collaboration between local stakeholders to address poverty
- Funding for local poverty interventions
- Resources to address poverty

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

According to the 2015 American Community Survey one year estimate, 15.4 percent of Oregonians live in poverty. For someone to be considered to be living in poverty in a four person household, that household would have to make \$24,250 or less in a year. An individual living alone would have to make \$11,770 or less to be considered to be living in poverty.

House Bill 2534 A establishes the Oregon Opportunity Commission (Commission) as of January 1, 2018. The purpose of the Commission is to award funds, develop assessment tools, review laws and rules and identify incentives to address concentrated poverty throughout Oregon. Commission membership will include 19 different stakeholders representing the public, private and nonprofit sectors. The measure establishes the Oregon Opportunity Fund and continuously appropriates money to the Commission.