

HB 2433 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

Action Date: 04/18/17

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: Revenue impact issued

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Housing and Community Services Department (OHCS) and local school districts to develop and implement a school district and low-income senior housing colocation pilot program (pilot program) to increase affordable housing for low-income seniors and provide additional classroom assistants to participating school districts. Directs OHCS to adopt rules to implement the pilot program including specific rules regarding selection of school districts, selection of affordable housing providers, rent limitations and development of wait list for applicants. Specifies pilot program application requirements for school district and low-income seniors.

Establishes the Low-Income Senior Housing Colocation Fund. Directs continuous appropriation of moneys to OHCS for construction costs of housing pilot program. Authorizes State Treasurer to issue lottery bonds to Low-Income Senior Housing Colocation Fund for bond-related costs.

Sunsets the pilot program and the Fund on January 2, 2021. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Affordable housing choices for seniors
- Siting of housing development on school land
- Contents of the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

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BACKGROUND:

A growing number of elderly households are burdened by housing costs. Older adults are more likely than their younger counterparts to spend more than 30 percent of their income on their housing costs. According the U.S. Census 2014 5-year American Community Survey estimates, Oregonians 65 years or older account for 16 percent of the state's population. This is expected to increase to 18.5 percent by 2020.

House Bill 2433 A directs Housing and Community Services Department (OHCS) and local school districts to develop and implement a school district and low-income senior housing colocation pilot program (pilot program) to increase affordable housing for low-income seniors and provide additional classroom assistants to participating school districts. OHCS is directed to adopt rules to implement the pilot program including specific rules regarding selection of school districts, selection of affordable housing providers, rent limitations and development of wait list for

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applicants. The measure also specifies pilot program application requirements for school district and low-income seniors.

HB 2433 A establishes the Low-Income Senior Housing Colocation Fund. The bill directs continuous appropriation of moneys to OHCS for construction costs of housing pilot program and authorizes the State Treasurer to issue lottery bonds to the Low-Income Senior Housing Colocation Fund for construction and bond-related costs. Funds appropriated to the Low-Income Senior Housing Colocation Fund would be made available immediately to OHCS pay the construction and bond-related costs.