

HB 3370 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Gelser

Senate Committee On Human Services

Action Date: 05/15/17

Action: Do pass the A-Eng bill.

Vote: 4-0-1-0

Yeas: 4 - Dembrow, Gelser, Knopp, Monnes Anderson

Exc: 1 - Olsen

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires “housing with services projects” to register with Department of Human Services (DHS) and meet certain requirements. Exempts projects regulated by Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) or U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Requires DHS to collaborate with OHCS and HUD to develop joint inventory of housing with services projects. Defines terms. Operative January 1, 2018. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Housing with services as a model for senior or disability care
- Development of measure in consultation with stakeholders and relevant state agencies
- Flexibility in regulatory system for alternative models
- Amendments adopted by House committee to address issues raised by Legislative Counsel
- Budget impact of aggregated "minimal fiscals" on state agencies

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Housing with services programs are where an organization coordinates health and social services for senior citizens and people with disabilities living in low-income housing or subsidized housing. They help low-income residents maintain independent living while maintaining access to necessary health care and other services. For example, Portland State University's Institute on Aging reports there are eleven affordable housing properties in Portland serving over 1,400 seniors and persons with disabilities participating in “Housing With Services,” a group of non-profit organizations providing bundled housing, health, and social services.

House Bill 3370-A requires “housing with services projects” to register with the Department of Human Services (DHS). A project is exempt if it is already regulated by the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department (OHCS) or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The measure requires DHS to collaborate with OHCS and HUD to develop a joint inventory of specified housing with services projects, which must include the names and addresses of projects. House Bill 3370-A also defines “housing with services projects” as well as the “health and social services” that are included.