

B-Engrossed
House Bill 2737

Ordered by the Senate May 30
Including House Amendments dated April 21 and Senate Amendments
dated May 30

Sponsored by Representatives BARNHART, BYNUM; Representatives KENY-GUYER, NATHANSON, POWER,
Senator MANNING JR (at the request of Tom Bowerman, Oregon Housing Alliance)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Requires Director of Department of Consumer and Business Services to adopt [*amendments to state building code to establish specified*] **construction** standards for homes that have floor area of not more than [400] **600** square feet. Identifies certain [*provisions*] **matters** for inclusion in standards. **Requires that initial construction standards for small homes become effective by January 1, 2018.** Requires director to report to [*interim*] committee of Legislative Assembly no later than [*September 15, 2022, with recommendations regarding use of standards established by state building code amendments.*] **March 1, 2019, regarding implementation and use of construction standards for small homes. Allows inclusion of director's recommendations regarding small home construction standards in report.**

[*Sunsets requirement for special standards January 2, 2024.*]

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to construction standards for small homes; and prescribing an effective date.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2017 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 455.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, "small home" means a dwelling that is not more**
6 **than 600 square feet in size.**

7 **(2) The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services shall adopt con-**
8 **struction standards for prefabricated and site-built small homes for incorporation into the**
9 **state building code. The construction standards for small homes must include, but need not**
10 **be limited to, standards that:**

11 **(a) Allow sleeping lofts; and**

12 **(b) Allow the use of ladders or alternate tread devices as the primary means of egress**
13 **from a sleeping loft.**

14 **SECTION 3. The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services shall**
15 **complete the adoption of initial construction standards for small homes under section 2 of**
16 **this 2017 Act in time for the standards to become effective no later than January 1, 2018.**

17 **SECTION 4. The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services shall**
18 **report to a committee of the Legislative Assembly relating to construction in the manner**
19 **provided by ORS 192.245 no later than March 1, 2019, regarding the implementation and use**
20 **of construction standards for small homes adopted under section 2 of this 2017 Act. The re-**
21 **port may include, but need not be limited to, any recommendations of the director regarding**
22 **construction standards for small homes.**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **SECTION 5. This 2017 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2017**
2 **regular session of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**
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