

HB 2416 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Business and Labor

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires person applying for DMV registration of small home to attest small home meets specified conditions concerning mobility. Requires ODOT to revoke registration if home no longer meets certain conditions concerning mobility. Subjects small homes to state building code under certain conditions concerning lack of mobility.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Replaces original measure. Allows small home to be registered with Oregon Department of Transportation as a recreational vehicle if specified conditions are met. Requires owner to attest conditions are met upon initial registration and renewal. Exempts small home from state building code if small home is registered with DMV and meets mobility conditions. Directs ODOT to revoke registration of small home that no longer meets mobility conditions and to notify Department of Consumer and Business Services of revocation. Requires manufacturer of small home to provide one-year warranty on living area components. Defines small home as no more than 400 square feet, no more than 8.5 feet wide, suitable for full-time or part-time residential use, and not designed for self-propulsion.

BACKGROUND:

Small homes, tiny homes, and park model RVs are some of the terms applied to structures that are permanently attached to a wheeled chassis. Until recently, park model RVs were treated by the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) as recreational vehicles. DCBS would issue a certification that served as an ownership document and that allowed ODOT to issue registration (plates and tags) documents. The Department recently changed the definition of "recreational vehicle," through rulemaking, to exclude RVs with wood siding, pitched roofs, or bay windows. Manufacturers and owners are no longer able to receive the RV certification from DCBS. After a brief lapse, ODOT has resumed issuing title and registration documents to those units that are no wider than 8.5 feet.