

**HB 2896 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Human Services and Housing**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs the Housing and Community Services Department (HCSD) to establish a loan program to provide loans to nonprofit corporations to support the preservation and affordability of manufactured dwelling parks. Specifies loan eligibility and preservation requirements for loan recipients. Requires that HCSD is to report each odd-numbered year to the appropriate interim committees of the Legislative Assembly on implementation of the manufactured dwelling park preservation program. Appropriates \$3 million from the General Fund for the administration and funding of the program.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Manufactured homes offer families a more affordable alternative housing option. Individuals and families that reside in manufactured dwellings or mobile homes often own or rent the dwelling but do not own the land they sit on: mobile parks. In recent years, mobile home parks in Oregon (and nationally) are being redeveloped into other uses, which has resulted in park-preservation efforts. According to Oregon Housing and Community Services, from 2001-2015, 104 manufactured home parks closed, displacing approximately 6,800 individuals and 4,000 spaces.

Park-preservation can require financial capital to buy and replace aging infrastructure (e.g., water and were lines, roads, abandoned or dilapidates structures). Since 2006, OHCS's park preservation program has preserved 13 parks for a total of 722 units. House Bill 2896 establishes a loan program to support the preservation of mobile home parks in Oregon.