HB 2333 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Business and Labor

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines park model recreational vehicle.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces original measure. Allows Department of Transportation (ODOT) to issue title to recreational vehicle or small home that is 8.5 feet or wider and meets other criteria. Allows ODOT to issue title and registration as a recreational vehicle for a small home or park model recreational vehicle that is not more than 8.5 feet wide and meets other criteria. Directs ODOT director to adopt construction standards for small homes, recreational vehicles greater than 8.5 feet, and park model recreational vehicles not more than 8.5 feet wide, in all cases giving consideration to appropriate manufacturing standards of American National Standards Institute. Requires manufacturer of park model recreational vehicle or small home under 8.5 feet to provide one-year warranty on living area components; specifies events that cause warranty to expire. Establishes requirements for moving RV wider than 8.5 feet, park model RV, or small home. Establishes process to remove from county deed records a RC wider than 8.5 feet.

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.