

HB 2228 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

Action Date: 03/20/19

Action: Do pass with amendments
and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Helt, Keny-Guyer, Meek, Mitchell, Noble, Sanchez, Schouten, Williams, Zika

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/4, 3/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) and the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) to enter into an agreement with the Association of Oregon Counties and League of Oregon Cities to implement the Local Government Technical Assistance Program. Specifies content of agreement. Requires reports from OHCS and DLCD to the Legislative Assembly by May 10, 2020, and December 10, 2020. Appropriates \$2.5 million General Fund dollars to OHCS. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Affordable housing crisis impacting entire state
- How to create partnerships between state, local governments, developers, and housing authorities
- Varying levels of expertise and resources in urban and rural communities

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 2228A is a result of meetings that were hosted around the state by Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS), the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) and the League of Oregon Cities (LOC), to determine what is needed to enable the efficient use of housing investments by local communities. Technical and financial assistance were identified as critical to local governments at the project-level, to supplement local capacities and improve affordable housing development efforts around the state.

House Bill 2228A requires two state agencies, OHCS and DLCD, to enter into an agreement with AOC and LOC to implement the Local Government Technical Assistance Program (Program). The agreement must address Program implementation; OHCS oversight; defined roles and responsibilities for Program development, work plans, and accountability; coordination with the Regional Solutions Program and existing work of both OHCS and DLCD; measurable goals and evaluation criteria; and how projects are selected and prioritized. The measure also requires all parties to the agreement to develop an overall work plan for the Program that guides the creation of *regional* work plans by AOC and LOC. Regional work plans may include a wide variety of activities to be performed by local staff.