#### SB 1024 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

# **Senate Committee On Housing**

**Action Date:** 04/08/19

**Action:** Do pass and requesting referral to Ways and Means.

**Vote:** 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Fagan, Golden, Heard, Knopp, Monnes Anderson

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued Revenue: No revenue impact Prepared By: C. Ross, Counsel

Meeting Dates: 4/8

### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates \$3,000,000 to Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) for grants to an eligible nonprofit to develop or improve infrastructure for a manufactured dwelling park in Springfield, Oregon. Requires grant recipient to contract with OHCS and local housing authority requiring the subject park be primarily for low-income residents or persons displaced by recent park closure, compliance with other OHCS requirements, and a report to OHCS by November 15, 2020, with specified content. Sunsets preceding provisions June 30, 2023. Requires OHCS to report to Legislative Assembly as specified by December 15, 2020. Renames the relevant account where funds are held and expands uses to include park infrastructure and persons displaced by park closure. Takes effect 91st day following adjournment *sine die*.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Affordable housing crisis; critical inventory comprised of manufactured homes
- Lack of new manufactured home park development
- Trend with existing parks: closure rather than rehabilitation, then redevelopment/conversion to other uses, reducing supply of affordable homes
- Primarily low-income and elderly, fixed-income residents, unable to recover from park closure
- Preference for home ownership over apartment settings
- Developing blueprint for other communities to replicate public/private partnership

## **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Manufactured housing is a critical part of the supply of affordable housing. Homeowners who live in parks are unique, in that they are also renters. They are also, largely, elderly, fixed-income and low-income households. This makes them particularly vulnerable to the threat of instability and homelessness when parks close. During 2018, a group of interested public and private stakeholders in Springfield and Eugene convened an informal work group to address the unique challenges of preserving manufactured home parks and home replacements, culminating in a manufactured housing conference in Ashland in the fall. Senate Bill 1024 supports their efforts.

Senate Bill 1024 appropriates \$3,000,000 to Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) for grants to an eligible nonprofit to develop or improve infrastructure for a manufactured dwelling park in Springfield, Oregon, and conditions the receipt of funds on contracting requirements to maintain access for low-income and displaced residents.