

HB 4015 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

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Meeting Dates: 2/10, 2/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) to study housing-related laws and deliver findings to the interim Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2020. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- HB 2003 (2019)
- Cities completing their own housing needs analyses versus Metro completing the analyses for the cities
- Requirements for cities outside of Metro when applying to expand their urban growth boundaries

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

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Replaces the measure. Modifies terminology for a “metropolitan services district,” to “Metro,” and includes various technical changes. Eliminates allocation of unaccommodated housing capacity by Metro and instead directs Metro and cities within Metro to consider and adopt new measures their governing bodies deem appropriate pursuant to ORS 197.296(6)(b), which governs a local government amending its comprehensive plan, regional framework plan functional plan or land use regulations to accommodate housing needs.

Clarifies that it is the Commission of the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) that may grant a time limit extension to Metro to complete a housing needs analysis. Clarifies the reference to “urban growth boundary.” Expands the allowable use of funds previously allocated to the DLCD to include technical assistance to local governments to lower prices and improve housing stock.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) is the state’s housing finance agency and provides financial and programmatic support to create and preserve quality, affordable housing opportunities for low- to moderate-income Oregonians.