

**HB 2336 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Housing**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs Department of Consumer and Business Services to establish by rule an appendix to the Oregon Residential Specialty Code consistent with American National Standards Institute visitability standards for Type C Units. Requires department to design an appendix that facilitates adoption by local governments. Clarifies that provisions of this Act become operative on October 31, 2021. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) adopts models and standards for state building codes, including the Oregon Residential Specialty Code (ORSC) which addresses the design and construction of one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses. The American National Standards Institute adopted standards for Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities in 2009, providing technical criteria for Type C “Visitable” Units which offer minimal accessibility features for people with physical disabilities. The purpose of visitability requirements is to allow a person with a physical disability to independently access, enter, and use a dwelling, including features such as accessible doorways and thresholds, ground floor bathroom, and ground floor habitable space.

House Bill 2336 directs the Department of Consumer and Business Services to establish an appendix to the Oregon Residential Specialty Code that is consistent with standards on Type C or “visitable” units as adopted by the American National Standards Institute.