

HB 2761 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Housing

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires landlord of a manufactured dwelling park to provide, upon request, the rental agreement, rules, application for occupancy, and other written policy statements in the five most commonly spoken languages other than English in the county in which the dwelling is located. Requires manufactured structure dealer, upon request, to provide sales contract in the five most commonly spoken languages other than English in the county in which the dwelling is located. Directs Secretary of State to publish on the secretary's website a list of the five most commonly spoken languages, other than English, in each county, based on the most recent American Community Survey from the U.S. Census Bureau or other necessary resources. Requires Secretary of State to update language list at least once every 10 years. Clarifies that provisions of this act become operative on July 1, 2022.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

According to data from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) 1-year estimates (2019), 620,927 Oregonians (15.5 percent of the state's population) speak a language other than English. One-third of this group, or 204,308 (5.1 percent of the state's population) identify as speaking English less than "very well." Spanish is the most commonly spoken language in nearly all of Oregon's legislative districts and second-most spoken in the remainder. Chinese (both Mandarin and Cantonese), Vietnamese, Korean, and Russian are the other most commonly spoken languages other than English statewide.

Manufactured housing is one of the largest sources of unsubsidized affordable housing in the country. In Oregon, manufactured homes account for 8 percent of the state's total housing volume, and 16 percent of the state's affordable housing stock, according to ACS 5-year estimates (2013-2017). Latinx homeowners represent 8 percent of manufactured homeowner population, while this demographic group represents only 5 percent of all homeowners in Oregon.

House Bill 2761 requires a landlord of a manufactured dwelling park to provide, upon request, an application for occupancy, rental agreements, and other policy statements in the five most commonly spoken languages, other than English, in the county in which the dwelling is located. Manufactured structures dealers would also be required to provide the sales contract, upon request, in the five most commonly spoken languages. It directs the Secretary of State to publish on the secretary's website a list of the five most commonly spoken languages other than English based on the most recent American Community Survey from the U.S. Census Bureau, and update the language list at least once every 10 years.