

HB 2522 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Housing

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies definition of park model recreational vehicles (park model RVs) to include characteristics of original manufacturing. Allows Department of Transportation to adopt rules for titling of park model RVs to include vehicles used as living quarters that were originally manufactured as park model RVs but no longer meet the definition of a park model RV. Removes requirement that park model RVs attest that it is not permanently affixed to land for use as a permanent dwelling. Repeals statute governing conversion of an RV to a structure.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fix from 2019 legislation which complicated sale/titling of original park model RVs
- Concerns addressed regarding double taxation for RVs real and personal property

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-3 Allows department to provide for optional titling for park model recreational vehicles (RV) that no longer meet the definition of a park model RV if they were first used as living quarters on or before January 1, 2021. Retains statutory language requiring that a park model RV not be permanently affixed to land for use as a permanent dwelling. Clarifies the department may not issue registration for a former park model RV, and in titling a park model RV, cannot be held liable for a vehicle's use for any purpose. Restores statutory language governing the conversion of an RV to a structure that was deleted by original measure. Clarifies that provisions of this Act are operative on September 1, 2021, and allows department to take necessary action to exercise these statutory amendments. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

Has minimal revenue impact; has minimal fiscal impact

BACKGROUND:

Tiny homes on wheels and park model recreational vehicles (RVs) are some of the terms applied to structures that are permanently attached to a wheeled chassis. Until recently, park model RVs were treated by the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) as recreational vehicles.

In 2019, the Legislative Assembly enacted House Bill 2333 to define a park model recreational vehicle in the state Vehicle Code, provided a process for the conversion of an RV to a structure, and allowed the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to issue titles for park model RVs. HB 2333 intended to reduce barriers for manufacturers and owners of park model RVs in obtaining a title and other certification, but some owners of older park model RVs have difficulty selling a park model RV that no longer meets the current statutory definition.

House Bill 2522 allows the Department of Transportation to title a park model RV based on the characteristics of its original manufacturing.