

HB 2522 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Housing and Development

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows Department of Transportation to provide optional titling for park model recreational vehicles and vehicles that no longer meet definition of park model recreational vehicle, but previously met definition as originally manufactured and were first used as living quarters on or before January 1, 2021. Becomes operative on September 1, 2021. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

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 A allows ODOT to provide optional titling for park model recreational vehicles and vehicles that no longer meet the definition of park model recreational vehicle, but previously met the definition as originally manufactured and were first used as living quarters on or before January 1, 2021. Once an optional title is issued, ODOT does not have liability for suitability, fitness, safety, quality, or lawfulness of a vehicle's use as a living space or for transportation. The provisions become operative on September 1, 2021, though ODOT may take actions to prepare to assume its new functions in advance.