

HB 2761 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Housing and Development

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Secretary of State to publish list of five most commonly spoken languages in Oregon, other than English, to Secretary of State website. Requires list to be updated no less than once every 10 years. Requires landlords of manufactured dwelling parks to notify existing or prospective tenants, or prospective purchasers, that they may request rental agreements in any of the five most commonly spoken languages in Oregon. Becomes 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 A requires the Secretary of State to publish a list of the five most commonly spoken languages in Oregon, other than English, to the Secretary of State website. Languages will be determined using the most recent American Community Survey and other necessary resources. The list must be updated no less than once every 10 years. Landlords of manufactured dwelling parks must notify existing or prospective tenants, or prospective purchasers, that they may request rental agreements in any of the five most commonly spoken languages in Oregon. Manufactured dwelling park nonprofit cooperatives are exempt from the notification requirements. The measure becomes operative on July 1, 2022.