

HB 2454 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services

Action Date: 04/05/21

Action: Do pass and be referred to Revenue by prior reference

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Leif, Noble, Owens, Ruiz, Sanchez, Schouten, Williams

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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Meeting Dates: 3/8, 4/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Extends through July 1, 2028 the disabled and senior citizens' property tax deferral program for households with income below \$46,500. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Equity, write-offs, and liquidations

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The homestead property tax deferral program allows citizens to borrow money from the State of Oregon Department of Revenue. The Department of Revenue administers a dedicated fund and pays property taxes on behalf of property owners who qualify in the program, then places liens on properties that function like a reverse mortgage, with six percent interest. To be eligible, individuals need to be 62 years and up or eligible to receive Social Security disability benefits, have owned and lived in their home for the past five years or downsized from property in the program, have a net worth less than \$500,000, not including the home in question, have household income below \$46,500, their home must be below county- determined value, and they may not have a reverse mortgage.

House Bill 2454 extends the Oregon Disabled and Senior Citizens' Property Tax Deferral Program until 2028.