

HB 2705 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows city or county utilizing property tax exemption for affordable multiunit rental housing to establish schedule in which percentage of exemption granted increases directly with percentage of units rented to households earning at or below 120 percent of area median income. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 308.701 defines multiunit rental housing as a residential property consisting of four or more dwelling units, and that does not include assisted living facilities. In 2017, the Legislative Assembly enacted House Bill 2377, which authorized a city or county government to adopt an ordinance or resolution granting a property tax exemption for newly rehabilitated or constructed multiunit rental housing. The measure required a participating city or county to establish a schedule in which the number of years for which an exemption is provided increases directly with the percentage of units that are affordable to and rented to households with an annual income at or below 120 percent of the area median income. The measure established a sunset date of January 2, 2027 for initial year exemption qualification.

House Bill 2705 allows a city or county utilizing the property tax exemption for affordable multiunit rental housing to establish a schedule in which the percentage of the exemption granted increases at a rate proportionate to the percentage of units rented to households earning at or below 120 percent of area median income.