

HB 2987 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Housing and Development

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Provides Oregon Health Authority rulemaking authority to specify the percentage amount of a grant that Healthy Homes Program grant recipients may spend on administrative costs, and removes program delivery costs from the percentage restriction. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

House Vote: Ayes, 32; Nays 23

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of measure
- Difference between administrative and program delivery costs
- Healthy Homes Program Task Force findings

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2021, the Legislative Assembly enacted House Bill 2842, which established the Healthy Homes Program (HHP) within the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). The OHA awards grants through the HHP to eligible entities that provide financial assistance to low-income households and communities disproportionately affected by environmental pollution or other hazards, and to landlords for the repair and rehabilitation of residential dwelling units. The measure established the Healthy Homes Repair Fund and appropriated \$10 million in General Fund moneys for the 2021-2023 biennium to OHA to provide grants and cover administrative costs. The legislation limited grant program recipients to using no more than 15 percent of grant funds for both administrative and program delivery costs, an amount the 2021 Interagency Task Force on Healthy Homes report noted might prevent organizations from applying for grant funding.

House Bill 2987 A provides OHA the rulemaking authority to determine the percentage that Healthy Homes Program grant recipients may use toward administrative expenses and removes program delivery costs from this restriction.