

HB 2898 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Cate

House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

Action Date: 02/21/23

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Conrad, Dexter, Evans, Grayber, Hieb, Lewis, Tran

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/7, 2/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Extends, from 24 months to five years, the length of time during which a recreational vehicle may be sited on a lot with a single-family dwelling that was damaged by a natural disaster. Extends to December 30, 2030, the time for occupying a recreational vehicle after a dwelling was destroyed by 2020 wildfire conflagrations.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Number and geographic distribution of people left homeless by 2020 wildfires
- Delays in home repairs and insurance claims
- Cost of rebuilding
- Consideration of possible future disasters

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Since 2005, Oregon law has allowed the use of a recreational vehicle (RV) as a dwelling if all of the following conditions are met: the RV is located in a manufactured home park, mobile home park, or RV park; the RV is occupied as a residential dwelling; and the RV has lawful water and electric hook-ups and a sewage disposal system. In response to the 2020 wildfires, the Legislative Assembly enacted House Bill 2809 (2021), which also permitted the siting of an RV as a dwelling on the lot of a manufactured or single-family home made uninhabitable by a natural disaster, until the home is made habitable or 24 months following the date it was made uninhabitable.

House Bill 2898 extends the time allowance for living in an on-site RV to five years. The measure also specifies that, under applications to alter, restore, or replace a dwelling destroyed by the 2020 wildfires, the applicant is permitted to occupy an RV until December 30, 2030.