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Measure Description:

Requires Housing and Community Services Department to annually provide to each city and county data showing percentage of individuals resident in city or county who are severely rent burdened.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Cities, Oregon Housing and Community Services Department (OHCS), Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD)

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Human Services and Housing to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The measure requires the Housing and Community Services Department (OHCS) to provide cities, with a population of greater than 10,000 renter households, data which shows the percentage of renter households that spend more than 50% of the household income on rent. No later than February 1 of each year cities, with a population of greater than 10,000 renter households, must provide the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) a report on a variety of types of housing units which were permitted in the previous calendar year. OHCS must collaborate with the DLCD to develop a survey for cities to provide data related to the current and planned future actions by the city to reduce rent burdens for severely rent burdened households; this survey will be issued to cities with 25% or greater renter households that are severely rent burdened. Cities that are issued a survey are required to hold at least one public meeting to discuss causes, consequences, barriers, and solutions to reducing rent burdens. Cities must return the surveys to OHCS within 60 days of receipt.

The bill has a \$2.00 million General Fund appropriation to DLCD, in the 2017-19 biennium, to provide technical assistance to local governments to increase the affordability of housing. The measure will have an impact on the General Fund. A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Further Analysis Required