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Measure Description:

Expands transitional housing accommodations allowed inside urban growth boundary to include other structures.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Cities, Counties, Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal - See explanatory analysis.

Summary of Revenue Impact:

Oregon Health Authority

	2019-21 Biennium	2021-23 Biennium
Other Funds	-13,005	-13,005
Total Funds	-\$13,005	-\$13,005

Analysis:

The measure would allow a local government to authorize the establishment of transitional housing accommodations used as individual living units by one or more individuals within the urban growth boundary. It would limit the use of transitional housing accommodations to persons who lack permanent or safe shelter and who cannot be placed in other low-income housing. The measure would specify that transitional housing accommodations are intended to be used by individuals or families on a limited basis for seasonal, emergency, or transitional housing purposes and may include yurts, huts, cabins, fabric structures, tents, or similar accommodations. The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) would be authorized to develop public health best practices for shared health and sanitation facilities for transitional housing accommodations. The measure would permit a person, including timber companies and private utilities, to establish or operate a recreation park without complying with OHA rules or securing approval of the OHA Director. It would exempt recreation parks and transitional housing accommodations from the licensing requirements of tourist facilities. The measure would take effect upon passage.

Cities:

The measure would have no fiscal impact on Cities.

Counties:

The measure could require county health departments to perform additional inspections of transitional housing accommodation sites. Although the number of such inspections is unclear, the fiscal impact to Counties would be minimal.

Oregon Health Authority:

OHA estimates that by exempting recreation parks and transitional housing accommodations from the licensing requirements of tourist facilities, the statewide Food, Pool, and Lodging Health and Safety Program (the Program) would lose \$13,005 in fees per biennium. OHA receives this fee revenue from local public health authorities that license and inspect recreational park facilities under intergovernmental agreements with OHA. The estimated \$13,005 biennial fee reduction is based on 647 statewide facilities for which local public health authorities annually remit \$9 per park to the Program, plus an additional average amount of \$1.05 per park, dependent on the park size. However, with local public health authorities not having to license facilities, the Program would no longer need to provide support to facility operators and local public health authorities, including rule development and interpretation and dispute resolution.