

HB 2333 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Business and Labor

Action Date: 04/08/19

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 11-0-0-0

Yeas: 11 - Barker, Barreto, Boles, Bonham, Boshart Davis, Bynum, Clem, Doherty, Evans, Fahey, Holvey

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/1, 4/3, 4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines recreational vehicle and park model recreational vehicle (RV) in Vehicle Code. Allows Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to provide for optional titling of park model RV. Provides process for conversion of RV to structure. Requires seller of new RV to provide buyer with written information regarding warranty. Eliminates Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) regulation of recreational vehicle construction. Maintains DCBS definition of recreational vehicle adopted in rule until repealed or amended by Director of Transportation. Clarifies that measure does not divest DCBS or local building inspection program of authority over violations committed prior to effective date.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Comparison to Senate Bill 410 (2019)
- What differentiates tiny home on wheels from structure subject to state building code
- Problems faced by manufacturers who cannot obtain ODOT-issued title
- Growing industry in Oregon and consumer demand for this type of vehicle
- Obtain trip permit to move park model RV on roadways
- Whether new RVs should be covered with warranty

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND:

Tiny homes on wheels and park model recreational vehicles (RVs) are some of the terms applied to structures that are permanently attached to a wheeled chassis. Until recently, park model RVs were treated by the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) as recreational vehicles. Current statute requires the DCBS to regulate the construction of manufactured structures, which includes recreational vehicles, manufactured dwellings, and recreational structures. Manufacturers obtain certification by registering with DCBS and providing an approved quality control manual. Certified manufacturers may purchase insignias of compliance from DCBS which are affixed to RVs intended for rent, lease, or sale in this state. RVs registered and titled in another state are not subject to the requirement to bear an insignia of compliance. Oregon is one of three states in the nation that regulate the construction of RVs.

DCBS recently adopted a rule that changed the definition of "recreational vehicle" to exclude RVs with wood siding, pitched roofs, or bay windows which are common features of a park model RV or tiny home.

Manufacturers and owners of these vehicles are no longer able to receive the RV insignia of compliance from DCBS. After a brief lapse, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) has resumed issuing title and

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registration documents to those units that are no wider than 8.5 feet.

House Bill 2333-A deregulates the construction of RVs, including park model RVs. The measure defines a park model RV as an RV that is more than 8.5 feet wide. ODOT may issue titles to any RV but may not issue registration for a park model RV.