

## **HB 2953 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **House Committee On Housing**

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Modifies definition of "community-based structured housing" as congregate housing distinct from residential care, where services and support are provided by the owner, operator, or staff of the facility to assist residents who have mental, emotional, behavioral, or substance use disorder. Defines "services and support."

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- History of establishing Community-Based Structured Housing in statute and subsequent rulemaking
- Failure of 2015 legislation to remedy lack of CBSH facilities
- Statutory changes help address administrative hurdles such as the provision of meals
- Providing clarity that Oregon Housing and Community Services' publicly-supported housing is not subject to this program

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-3 Replaces the measure. Modifies definition of "community based structured housing" as congregate housing distinct from residential care and publicly supported housing, where services and support are provided by the owner, operator, or staff of the facility to assist residents who have mental, emotional, behavioral or substance use disorders. Defines "services and support" as living accommodations and services, other than treatment, such as housekeeping, laundry, medication monitoring, transportation, or recreational opportunities. Includes reference to the provision of prepared meals at a facility. Designates Oregon Health Authority as sole regulatory agency overseeing registration, operation, complaints and violations.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

In 2015, the Legislative Assembly enacted House Bill 3230 to provide statutory reference for programs that house and provide services to individuals where neither the setting nor the services provided meet the statutory definition of a residential treatment facility or home. The measure defined "community-based structured housing" and authorized the Department of Human Services or the Oregon Health Authority to establish registration standards and review processes to ensure the safety and well-being of individuals with mental illness or substance use disorders living in congregate housing settings.

House Bill 2953 modifies the definition of community-based structured housing as congregate housing distinct from residential care, where services and support are provided by the owner, operator, or staff of the facility to assist residents who have mental, emotional, behavioral or substance use disorder.