

HB 2583 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Housing and Development

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits local governments from establishing or enforcing maximum occupancy limits in residential dwellings based on familial or nonfamilial relationships among occupants.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impact on short-term rentals
- Occupancy standards based on square footage or number of bedrooms
- Local government regulatory authority
- Health and safety regulations
- Building code regulations

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

A 1977 U.S. Supreme Court case, *Moore v. City of East Cleveland*, struck down a local housing ordinance that prevented a multi-generational family from occupying the same dwelling unit. In Oregon, defining how occupants are “related” has been left to local governments, many of which impose limits on the number of unrelated people who live in a single dwelling unit, rented or owner-occupied, irrespective of dwelling size or square footage. Per local ordinances in some cities, people living together who are related by blood, marriage, domestic partnership, or guardianship are not subject to the same occupancy limits as unmarried couples, roommates, and other common living arrangements.

House Bill 2583 A prohibits local governments from establishing or enforcing maximum occupancy limits in residential dwellings based on familial or nonfamilial relationships among occupants.