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To: Human Services Subcommittee

From: Tom MacDonald, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: June 15, 2021

Subject: HB 2842 – Relating to healthy homes
Work Session Recommendations

HB 2842 establishes the Healthy Homes Program within the Oregon Health Authority for the purpose of awarding grants to eligible entities that provide financial assistance to low-income households and communities disproportionately affected by environmental pollution or other hazards, and to landlords for the repair and rehabilitation of residential dwelling units. The measure establishes the Interagency Task Force on Health Homes and requires it to report on the program to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to housing, to the Governor, and to the Environmental Justice Task Force no later than September 15, 2022. OHA is to provide staff support for the Task Force. The Task Force sunsets January 2, 2023.

This measure also creates the Healthy Homes Repair Fund, separate and distinct from the General Fund, to implement its provisions. The fund includes appropriations, repaid grant funds, moneys transferred from federal or state government, application fees, and gifts, grants, or donations.

The estimated cost of administering the grant program and supporting the Task Force is \$849,422 and four positions. The recommended -A6 amendment appropriates \$10 million, in place of the \$20 million in the A-engrossed version, to the new Health Homes Repair Fund and establishes the expenditure limitation to spend from the Fund.

The measure previously had hearings in the House Health Care Committee on 2/11/21 and 4/6/21 and was reported out with a do pass recommendation.

Recommended Changes

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends adoption of the -A6 amendment.

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 2842 be amended by the -A6 amendment, and be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee, as amended.

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

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