

HB 2953 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. McLain

House Committee On Housing

Action Date: 03/25/21

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 8-0-0-0

Yeas: 8 - Campos, Fahey, Marsh, Meek, Morgan, Neron, Weber, Zika

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/18, 3/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

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.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of establishing community-based structured housing (CBSH) in statute and subsequent rulemaking
- Failure of 2015 legislation to remedy CSBH facility registration
- 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 considered CBSH

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

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.

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