

**SB 410 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Gorsek

**Senate Committee On Human Services, Mental Health and Recovery**

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**Action Date:** 03/25/21

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

**Vote:** 4-1-0-0

**Yeas:** 4 - Anderson, Gelser, Lieber, Taylor

**Nays:** 1 - Robinson

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/4, 3/25

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires storage of homeless persons' unclaimed personal property within six blocks of a public transit station after removal of campsites on public property in Multnomah County. Requires such property to be given to law enforcement, local social services workers, or personnel authorized to issue citations, regardless of whether 24-hour notice is required. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Difficulties already faced by houseless persons; making property reclamation easier after campsite removal or relocation
- Local challenges with campsite clean-up, and the discernment, collection, and storage of individual's personal belongings
- Scarcity of available storage
- Sharing current relocation obligations across multiple community partners
- Narrowing applicability to Multnomah County and convening a work group to examine expansion

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Applies new provisions to Multnomah County and removes references to state agencies. Removes storage proximity requirement within five miles of campsite, leaving requirement of storage within six blocks of a public transit station. Requires unclaimed personal property in Multnomah County be given to law enforcement, local social services workers, or personnel authorized to issue citations, regardless of whether 24-hour notice is required.

**BACKGROUND:**

Local governments are currently required to implement humane policies with respect to the relocation or removal of houseless persons from established campsites on public property. Such policies must require law enforcement to inform houseless persons and local social service providers at least 24 hours in advance; must provide for law enforcement to store unclaimed personal property for at least 30 days; and must provide for discretion of law enforcement and social services personnel to review and update policy implementation, among other provisions.

Senate Bill 410 A requires homeless persons' unclaimed personal property in Multnomah County to be given to local social services workers, law enforcement, or personnel authorized to issue citations, regardless of whether 24-hour notice is required, and further requires the storage of such property within six blocks of a public transit station.