

HB 3462 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Department of Emergency Management (OEM) to prioritize immediate provision of safe housing to displaced individuals in an emergency or major disaster that is in compliance with state and federal fair housing laws. Allows Governor to enter into arrangements for temporary housing units upon notification of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means or Emergency Board if an emergency occurs when the Legislative Assembly is not in session. Directs OEM to equally provide any available federal resources to affected community members ineligible to receive federal resources due to immigration status. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Clarifies housing provided by Department of Emergency Management to displaced individuals in response to an emergency or disaster must be safe and in compliance with state and federal fair housing laws.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 401.185 describes the temporary provision of housing when the Governor or U.S. President has declared a state of emergency or major disaster in Oregon. State law directs the Governor to coordinate with federal agencies to arrange temporary housing for disaster victims, and to make the units available to local governments.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides direct housing resources to disaster survivors whose primary home is destroyed or is unlivable as a result of major damage caused by the disaster, or who has no other practical temporary housing options available within a reasonable commuting distance due to a lack of available rental resources. FEMA indicates that, to qualify for disaster assistance, the applicant must be either a U.S., citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified non-citizen based on specifications.

House Bill 3462 directs the Oregon Department of Emergency Management to equally provide any available federal resources, including temporary housing to affected community members ineligible to receive federal resources due to immigration status.