

## **HB 4006 -6 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **House Committee On Human Services and Housing**

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/8

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires the governing body of a city or county where 25 percent of the population is severely rent burdened to hold at least one public meeting and submit a plan to Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) detailing how the jurisdiction will reduce the rent burden for severely rent burdened individuals. Requires OHCS to annually provide cities and counties data on individuals who are severely rent burdened. Operative 91st day following sine die. Declares an emergency, effective upon passage.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

##### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-6 Changes definition of severely rent burdened from an individual to a household. Defines regulated affordable unit and single-family unit. Removes counties. Requires OHCS to provide data to the governing body of each city with a population greater than 10,000. Requires OHCS and Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) to develop a survey form for cities to provide specific information related to affordability of housing. Specifies cities with population greater than 10,000, with more than 25 percent of renter households experiencing rent burden, must complete the survey described above within 60 days of receipt to DLCD and OHCS. Requires cities with population greater than 10,000 to submit total number of units permitted and produced no later than February 1 of each year. Appropriates \$2,000,000 from the General Fund to DLCD to provide technical assistance to cities.

##### **BACKGROUND:**

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, approximately 26.4 percent of Oregonians were severely rent burdened in 2015. Severely rent burdened is defined as housing costs exceeding 50 percent of the household's reported income.

The measure requires OHCS to provide cities and counties with data and information on the percentage of individuals who are severely rent burdened within that city or county. Severely rent burdened is defined in the measure as an individual living in a household spending more than 50 percent of its income on rent for primary housing. If a city or county is informed that 25 percent of the population is severely rent burdened, the governing body must hold at least one public meeting discussing the causes and consequences of severe rent burdens and submit a plan to OHCS detailing how the city or county will reduce rent burdens.