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Measure Description:

Establishes Local Government Technical Assistance Program within Housing and Community Services Department.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Housing and Community Services Department (HCSD), Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), Association of Oregon Counties (AOC), League of Oregon Cities (LOC)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure will require budgetary action - See analysis.

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2019-21 Biennium	2021-23 Biennium
General Fund		
Program Related Expenses - HCSD and DLCD	250,000	
Special Payments - AOC and LOC	375,000	
Special Payments - Professional Services	1,875,000	
Total Funds	\$2,500,000	\$0

Analysis:

SB 2228 with the -2 amendment establishes the Local Government Technical Assistance Program in the Housing and Community Services Department (HCSD). The bill appropriates \$2,500,000 General Fund to HCSD to cover the costs of administering and operating the Local Government Technical Assistance Program for HCSD, the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC), and the League of Oregon Cities (LOC). HCSD and DLCD must report to the Legislature on the interim work of the program by May 10, 2020 and regarding the accomplishments of the program by December 10, 2020.

The bill directs HCSD and DLCD to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with AOC and LOC to implement the program to assist AOC and LOC in providing technical assistance for counties in forming community housing partnerships.

With passage of this bill, HCSD, DLCD, AOC, and LOC will use existing staff and resources to negotiate the intergovernmental agreement and to implement and manage the program. These entities will have a more detailed budget once a formal agreement is reached. At this time, HCSD, DLCD, AOC, and LOC have tentatively agreed to the following budget for the appropriated funds:

- \$250,000 to cover the costs of HCSD and DLCD staff time and related personal services and supplies to establish and oversee the program.
- \$375,000 to cover the costs of LOC and AOC administration of the local programs including contracting, hiring, work oversight, payroll, reporting, and IT support.
- \$1,875,000 to hire six full time limited duration positions or contractors with experience and expertise in economic and housing project analysis, identifying contractors, grant management, and convening partners in housing planning and development to provide technical services to multiple local jurisdictions across designated regions in multiple counties.

This bill requires budgetary action for the appropriation of General Fund resources.