

# House Bill 2075

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## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Establishes Development Readiness Program within Department of Land Conservation and Development to assist local governments with land use goals relating to housing and economic development.

Establishes Development Readiness Fund to fund program.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to development readiness; creating new provisions; amending ORS 197.095; and declaring  
2 an emergency.

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4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1. The Legislative Assembly finds and declares that:**

6 **(1) Available and serviceable lands are necessary to meet the housing and employment  
7 needs of the people of this state.**

8 **(2) Many households throughout this state are severely rent burdened, paying over 50  
9 percent of household income for rent. A lack of sufficient suitable and affordable housing is  
10 a primary cause of rent burden.**

11 **(3) Local governments cultivate employment and housing by maintaining updated local  
12 comprehensive plans and land use regulations supporting housing and economic development.**

13 **(4) Out-of-date comprehensive plans and land use regulations are barriers to readiness  
14 for development opportunities.**

15 **(5) Lack of local government capacity and financial resources limits progress toward de-  
16 velopment readiness.**

17 **SECTION 2. Section 3 of this 2019 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 197.**

18 **SECTION 3. (1) There is established in the Department of Land Conservation and Devel-  
19 opment the Development Readiness Program.**

20 **(2) Through the program, the department may provide financial, technical and other as-  
21 sistance to local governments to implement and pursue statewide land use planning goals  
22 relating to housing and economic development. Local governments may implement and pur-  
23 sue statewide land use planning goals relating to housing and economic development by:**

24 **(a) Increasing lands available for housing of all types and accessible to all income levels,  
25 especially affordable housing;**

26 **(b) Increasing lands available for industrial and commercial uses to promote state and  
27 regional economic development, especially for high growth industries;**

28 **(c) Meeting public infrastructure needs;**

29 **(d) Accessing state and other resources that support housing and economic development;**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (e) Analyzing housing and economic development land use resources; and

2 (f) Updating comprehensive plans, land use regulations, zoning, urban growth boundaries,  
3 public facility plans and maps to support paragraphs (a) to (d) of this subsection.

4 (3) The department may adopt rules necessary to carry out the provisions of this section  
5 including priorities and eligibility requirements for assistance under the program.

6 **SECTION 4.** (1) There is established within the Land Conservation and Development Fund  
7 the Development Readiness Fund.

8 (2) The fund shall consist of moneys credited to the fund from monies appropriated or  
9 transferred to the fund by the Legislative Assembly or received from the federal government  
10 or other grants, gifts or donations from any source. All moneys received by the Department  
11 of Land Conservation and Development under this subsection shall be paid into the State  
12 Treasury to the credit of the fund. Interest earned by the fund shall be credited to the fund.

13 (3) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the department to fund expen-  
14 ditures, grants to local governments and administrative costs of the Development Readiness  
15 Program established under section 3 of this 2019 Act.

16 **SECTION 5.** ORS 197.095 is amended to read:

17 197.095. (1) [*There is established in the General Fund in the State Treasury the Land Conservation*  
18 *and Development Account.*] **The Land Conservation and Development Fund is established in the**  
19 **State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Land**  
20 **Conservation and Development Fund shall be credited to the fund. Moneys in the [account]**  
21 **fund are continuously appropriated to the Department of Land Conservation and Development**  
22 **for the purpose of carrying out ORS chapters 195, 196 and 197.**

23 (2) **Except as provided in ORS 215.211 and section 4 of this 2019 Act,** all fees, moneys and  
24 other revenue received by the department [*of Land Conservation and Development*] shall be deposited  
25 in the [*Land Conservation and Development Account*] **fund.**

26 **SECTION 6.** **On the effective date of this 2019 Act, the State Treasurer shall transfer all**  
27 **funds in the Land Conservation and Development Account to the Land Conservation and**  
28 **Development Fund.**

29 **SECTION 7.** **In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**  
30 **ated to the Department of Land Conservation and Development, for the biennium beginning**  
31 **July 1, 2019, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$2,030,000 for deposit into the Develop-**  
32 **ment Readiness Fund.**

33 **SECTION 8.** **This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
34 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect**  
35 **on its passage.**

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