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Measure Description:

Requires Housing and Community Services Department to study long-term rent assistance and to report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly no later than October 1, 2020.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), Public Universities

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Analysis:

This bill directs the Homelessness Research and Action Collaborative at Portland State University (PSU) to conduct a study that includes:

- Policy design choices related to long-term rental assistance, including various program models;
- Cost estimates of providing long-term rental assistance for specific populations listed in the bill; and
- Review of best practices and research.

The bill as amended also includes specific items to be considered in the study.

PSU is directed to report its findings to the Legislature no later than December 1, 2020. The bill appropriates \$250,000 General Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Committee for distribution to Portland State University to conduct the study.

Higher Education Coordinating Committee

The bill results in a fiscal impact to the Higher Education Coordinating Committee (HECC) in the amount of \$250,000 General Fund. HECC is required to distribute the entire amount to PSU for the study.

The Legislative Fiscal Office has not yet received detailed information regarding the actual anticipated costs for the study to substantiate the \$250,000 General Fund appropriation in the bill. Further consideration of the fiscal impact of the bill will occur upon review by the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.