

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 4002

By COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 29 and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Portland State University Homelessness Research and Action**
3 **Collaborative, housed within the Toulan School of Urban Studies and Planning, shall conduct**
4 **a study on the costs and benefits and policy choices of providing long-term rental assistance**
5 **to Oregonians who are experiencing severe rent burden or homelessness or are at risk of**
6 **homelessness.**

7 **“(2) The study must include:**

8 **“(a) Exploration of various administrative and policy design choices and program models**
9 **related to long-term rental assistance.**

10 **“(b) Estimates of costs of providing long-term rental assistance across different ge-**
11 **ographic regions and serving different populations, including households with:**

12 **“(A) Children five years of age or younger;**

13 **“(B) Children at least six years of age and not older than 17 years of age;**

14 **“(C) Unaccompanied homeless youths, as defined in ORS 343.035;**

15 **“(D) Wards who have aged out of permanent foster care, shelter care or substitute care,**
16 **as those terms are defined in ORS 419A.004;**

17 **“(E) Individuals who have been victims of domestic violence, as defined in ORS 135.230,**
18 **181A.355 or 411.117, or who are at risk of domestic violence;**

19 **“(F) Individuals who are at least 58 years of age;**

20 **“(G) Persons with disabilities;**

21 **“(H) Persons of color;**

22 **“(I) Veterans;**

23 **“(J) Incomes below 30 percent of area median income, as defined in ORS 458.610; or**

24 **“(K) Incomes between 30 percent and 50 percent of area median income, as defined in**
25 **ORS 458.610.**

26 **“(c) A review of best practices, including those used in local, state and federal long-term**
27 **rental assistance programs and other program models.**

28 **“(d) A literature review of existing research regarding the outcomes of rental assistance**
29 **on populations experiencing severe rent burden, including educational and health benefits.**

30 **“(3) The study must consider:**

31 **“(a) Administrative program design and delivery to end users, including various design**
32 **and delivery models and rent payment standards and caps;**

33 **“(b) The need for nonrental assistance funds, including for moving costs, security de-**
34 **posits, back utility bills and other costs; and**

35 **“(c) Long-term rental assistance programs administered by other states.**

1 “(4) In conducting the study, the collaborative must consult with organizations that
2 support tenants accessing long-term rental assistance and with urban and rural local housing
3 authorities, as defined in ORS 456.375.

4 “(5) The study must consider disparate impacts on communities of color, immigrant and
5 refugee communities and persons identifying as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer
6 and other minority gender identities and sexual orientations.

7 “(6) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
8 the collaborative in conducting the study, and to the extent permitted by laws related to
9 confidentiality, to furnish information and advice necessary for the collaborative to complete
10 its study.

11 “(7) No later than December 1, 2020, the collaborative shall provide a report on the
12 findings of the study to an appropriate interim committee of the Legislative Assembly in the
13 manner provided under ORS 192.245.

14 “SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-
15 priated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for distribution to Portland State
16 University, for the biennium ending June 30, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of
17 \$250,000, to conduct the study required under section 1 of this 2020 Act.”.