

## HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 4039

By COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING

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1 Delete lines 4 through 10 of the printed bill and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. Statewide assessment. (1) As used in this section, ‘unaccompanied homeless**  
3 **youth’ means a person who is at least 12 years of age but not more than 24 years of age,**  
4 **who is not in the physical custody of a parent or legal guardian and who is homeless.**

5 **“(2) The Department of Human Services shall conduct a statewide assessment of the**  
6 **needs of and the continuum of services for unaccompanied homeless youth in Oregon. The**  
7 **assessment must determine:**

8 **“(a) Demographic information about unaccompanied homeless youth in this state, in-**  
9 **cluding age, race, primary language, gender, school enrollment status and types of**  
10 **homelessness experienced.**

11 **“(b) To the extent possible, other demographic information about unaccompanied**  
12 **homeless youth in this state, including disability, school grade level, length of homelessness**  
13 **and reasons for homelessness.**

14 **“(c) The average numbers of beds needed for unaccompanied homeless youth, the types**  
15 **of housing available and the durations of stay required.**

16 **“(d) Other services that are needed and available, including but not limited to culturally**  
17 **specific programming, mental health treatment, addiction treatment, academic support and**  
18 **job training.**

19 **“(e) To the extent possible, the capacity of community action agencies, emergency**  
20 **housing assistance programs, state homeless assistance programs, shelters, host home pro-**  
21 **grams, other housing programs and resources available through the McKinney-Vento**  
22 **Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 11301 et seq., to serve the unaccompanied homeless youth**  
23 **population.**

24 **“(f) The existing partnerships and coordination between the Department of Human Ser-**  
25 **vices and other organizations, including but not limited to the Housing and Community Ser-**  
26 **vices Department, the Oregon Youth Authority, the Department of Education, school**  
27 **districts and nonprofit organizations serving unaccompanied homeless youth and youth at**  
28 **risk of becoming homeless.**

29 **“(3)(a) In addition to any other scholarships or grants, the Department of Human Ser-**  
30 **vices may award one-year grants in the amount of no more than \$10,000 per grant to or-**  
31 **ganizations that provide services to unaccompanied homeless youth to assist with the**  
32 **assessment required by this section.**

33 **“(b) An organization is eligible to apply for a grant under this subsection if the organ-**  
34 **ization has an existing contract with the department to provide services to unaccompanied**  
35 **homeless youth.**

1       “(c) The department may adopt rules to administer the grant program described in this  
2 subsection.

3       “(4)(a) The department shall provide a preliminary report on the results of the assess-  
4 ment to an appropriate committee or interim committee of the Legislative Assembly no later  
5 than December 1, 2020.

6       “(b) The department shall provide a final report on the results of the assessment to an  
7 appropriate committee or interim committee of the Legislative Assembly no later than  
8 March 1, 2021.

9       “SECTION 2. Unaccompanied homeless youth services enhancement grant program. (1)  
10 As used in this section, ‘unaccompanied homeless youth’ means a person who is at least 14  
11 years of age but not more than 24 years of age, who is not in the physical custody of a parent  
12 or legal guardian and who is homeless.

13       “(2) In addition to any other scholarships or grants, the Department of Human Services  
14 may award one-year grants to organizations that provide services to unaccompanied  
15 homeless youth.

16       “(3) An organization is eligible to apply for a grant under this section if the organization  
17 has an existing grant with the department to provide services to unaccompanied homeless  
18 youth.

19       “(4) Grants awarded under this section may be used:

20       “(a) To increase the accessibility of the following programs and services to unaccompa-  
21 nied homeless youth:

22       “(A) Shelter facilities;

23       “(B) Outreach;

24       “(C) Culturally specific services; and

25       “(D) Mental health or substance abuse services; and

26       “(b) To create or strengthen partnerships with host home programs and other transi-  
27 tional housing options.

28       “(5) The department may adopt rules to administer the grant program described in this  
29 section.

30       “SECTION 3. Host home projects. (1) As used in this section:

31       “(a) ‘Host home project’ means a project that facilitates an arrangement under which  
32 an unaccompanied homeless youth resides in the home of a private individual, pursuant to  
33 the terms of a contract between the private individual and the youth, for free or at below-  
34 market rent.

35       “(b) ‘Long-term host home project’ means a host home project run by an organization  
36 that has a memorandum of understanding or a letter of agreement with one or more school  
37 districts and in which unaccompanied homeless youth participants, on average during the  
38 most recent two years, resided in host homes for a minimum of 180 days, as reported by the  
39 relevant school district.

40       “(c) ‘Short-term host home project’ means a host home project in which unaccompanied  
41 homeless youth participants, on average during the most recent two years, resided in host  
42 homes for a maximum of 180 days, as reported by the relevant school district.

43       “(d) ‘Unaccompanied homeless youth’ means a person who is:

44       “(A) At least 16 years of age but not more than 21 years of age;

45       “(B) Not in the physical custody of a parent or legal guardian;

1 “(C) Not in the custody of the Department of Human Services;

2 “(D) Not a ward of the state; and

3 “(E) Homeless.

4 “(2) In addition to and not in lieu of any other scholarships or grants, the department  
5 may award one-year grants to organizations that operate host home projects for unaccom-  
6 panied homeless youth.

7 “(3) An organization is eligible to apply for a grant under this section if the organization  
8 operated a host home project on January 1, 2020, and can demonstrate the ability to:

9 “(a) Expand host home projects in communities in which the organization provides ser-  
10 vices;

11 “(b) Establish new long-term host home projects in communities that do not have long-  
12 term host home projects; or

13 “(c) Establish new short-term host home projects.

14 “(4) Recipients of grants awarded under this section shall work to achieve the following  
15 outcomes for unaccompanied homeless youth:

16 “(a) Improved school attendance.

17 “(b) Participation in formal or informal mentoring.

18 “(c) Increased access to nutrition, health care, mental trauma-informed support and  
19 transportation services.

20 “(5) A recipient of a grant awarded under this section shall ensure all individuals of 18  
21 years of age or older residing in the host home who are not the unaccompanied homeless  
22 youth have an approved background check under ORS 181A.200 and 409.027.

23 “(6) A host home is not a child-caring agency as defined in ORS 418.205.

24 “(7) The department may adopt rules to administer the grant program described in this  
25 section.

26 “**SECTION 4. Report.** The Department of Human Services shall report on the host home  
27 projects established under section 3 of this 2020 Act to committees or interim committees  
28 of the Legislative Assembly relating to housing, homeless youth services and high school  
29 education no later than September 15, 2021. The report must include information about the  
30 effectiveness of the projects, including:

31 “(1) A description of the process used to identify and reach out to unaccompanied  
32 homeless youth;

33 “(2) Assessment data and other indicators to determine how well the housing, health and  
34 academic needs of unaccompanied homeless youth are being met;

35 “(3) Demographic information about youth served or assessed for program participation;

36 “(4) The academic progress of students participating in host home projects; and

37 “(5) Assessment by the youth, host families and partner government and nonprofit enti-  
38 ties about their experience in the host home projects.

39 “**SECTION 5. Appropriations.** (1) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation,  
40 there is appropriated to the Department of Human Services, for the biennium ending June  
41 30, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$230,000, to conduct the statewide assess-  
42 ment required under section 1 of this 2020 Act.

43 “(2) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the  
44 Department of Human Services, for the biennium ending June 30, 2021, out of the General  
45 Fund, the amount of \$70,000, to provide grants to organizations that provide services to un-

1 accompanied homeless youth to assist with the statewide assessment required under section  
2 1 of this 2020 Act.

3 “(3) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the  
4 Department of Human Services, for the biennium ending June 30, 2021, out of the General  
5 Fund, the amount of \$1,000,000, to provide the unaccompanied homeless youth services en-  
6 hancement grants described in section 2 of this 2020 Act.

7 “(4) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the  
8 Department of Human Services, for the biennium ending June 30, 2021, out of the General  
9 Fund, the amount of \$1,200,000, to provide the host home project grants described in section  
10 3 of this 2020 Act.

11 “SECTION 6. Sunset dates. (1) Sections 2 and 3 of this 2020 Act are repealed on July 1,  
12 2021.

13 “(2) Section 1 of this 2020 Act is repealed on January 1, 2022.

14 “SECTION 7. Captions. The section captions used in this 2020 Act are provided only for  
15 the convenience of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or  
16 express any legislative intent in the enactment of this 2020 Act.

17 “SECTION 8. Emergency clause. This 2020 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-  
18 ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this  
19 2020 Act takes effect on its passage.”  
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