

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 5011

Housing and Community Services Department

To:	Ways and Means Full Committee
From:	Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee
Carrier:	Representative Gomberg

HB 5011 is the budget bill for the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department. The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends a 2021-23 total funds budget of \$2,128,609,178 and 330 positions (310.09 FTE). The budget represents a 27.1% increase from the 2019-21 legislatively approved budget.

Additional expenditure limitation was included for federal program funds received through the American Rescue Plan and CARES acts, and the additional staffing required to administer them. Significant General Fund investments are included in the areas of shelter operations and technical assistance; rental assistance for permanent supportive housing units; down payment assistance; one-time investments in individual development accounts; for service delivery partners and housing counseling services; and for development of innovative home ownership models. Additional funding is included for development funding to close funding gaps created by increased materials costs and labor shortages; and for efforts that seek to address racial disparities in homeownership. Additional staffing is recommended to help the department meet our high expectations as it distributes record levels of rental and energy assistance, designs new and innovative programs, and responds to emergencies.

Subcommittee discussion around key performance measures focused on the need for the agency to provide timely assistance to stakeholders.

A special purpose appropriation is also recommended in the amount of \$10 million for a grant fund designed to provide financing for affordable rental housing developments that are co-located with childcare or early learning centers. A related budget note directs Housing and Community Services to report to the legislature on the development of such a program.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends HB 5011 be amended by the -1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.