

Legislative Fiscal Office

Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE, H-178
Salem, OR 97301
503-986-1828



Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Sen. Betsy Johnson, Senate Co-Chair
Sen. Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, Senate Co-Chair
Rep. Dan Rayfield, House Co-Chair

Sen. Fred Girod, Senate Co-Vice Chair
Rep. David Gomberg, House Co-Vice Chair
Rep. Greg Smith, House Co-Vice Chair

Laurie Byerly, Interim Legislative Fiscal Officer
Amanda Beitel, Deputy Legislative Fiscal Officer (Budget)
Paul Siebert, Deputy Legislative Fiscal Officer (Audit/IT)

To: Capital Construction Subcommittee

From: Haylee Morse-Miller, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: June 18, 2021

Subject: HB 2544 – Relating to homeless youth
Work Session Recommendations

HB 2544 directs the Department of Human Services (DHS) to administer two grant programs. The first program is to provide two-year grants to organizations to provide services to unaccompanied homeless youth. Funds are to be used to increase the accessibility of programs and services such as shelter facilities, outreach, culturally specific services, and mental health or substance abuse services; and to create or strengthen partnerships with transitional housing options.

The second program is to provide two-year grants to organizations that operate host home projects for unaccompanied homeless youth. Eligible organizations are those that have a demonstrated ability to establish or expand host home projects. Grant recipients are directed to work with unaccompanied homeless youth to improve school attendance, participate in formal or informal mentoring, and increase access to nutrition, health care, mental trauma-informed support, and transportation services.

DHS is directed to submit reports on the host home project grant program to committees or interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to housing, homeless youth services, and high school education, by September 15, 2022 and September 15, 2023.

The - A3 amendment provides at total of \$3.6 million General Fund, with half of the funds allocated to each grant program. The agency anticipates that of these funds, \$221,865 General Fund will be used to hire a full-time, limited-duration Operations and Policy Analyst 3 position for program administration.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the - A3 amendment.

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 2544, as amended by the - A3 amendment, to be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____