

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2163

By COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

April 7

- 1 In line 2 of the printed bill, before the period insert “; and declaring an emergency”.
- 2 Delete lines 4 through 21 and insert:
- 3 **“SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 3 of this 2021 Act are added to and made a part of ORS**
- 4 **chapter 458.**
- 5 **“SECTION 2. (1) The Housing and Community Services Department shall implement a**
- 6 **long-term rental assistance program that is available to individuals who are younger than**
- 7 **25 years of age and who are, or have recently been:**
- 8 **“(a) Homeless;**
- 9 **“(b) In any substitute care program, as defined in ORS 326.575;**
- 10 **“(c) Incarcerated or detained in a correctional facility or detention facility as defined in**
- 11 **ORS 419A.004; or**
- 12 **“(d) Residing in a facility for dependency treatment or rehabilitation or for mental health**
- 13 **treatment.**
- 14 **“(2) The department shall choose three or four regions in which to operate the program,**
- 15 **which must include at least one urban area, one rural area and one coastal area.**
- 16 **“(3) In designing the program, the department shall consult with:**
- 17 **“(a) The Oregon Housing Stability Council;**
- 18 **“(b) The Department of Human Services, including department staff operating programs**
- 19 **or services for eligible foster children or former foster children and the department’s advi-**
- 20 **sory committee on runaway and homeless youth under ORS 417.799 (6);**
- 21 **“(c) Housing authorities;**
- 22 **“(d) Community-based social service providers serving the population of eligible recipi-**
- 23 **ents of the program;**
- 24 **“(e) Culturally specific youth providers; and**
- 25 **“(f) The Community Action Partnership of Oregon.**
- 26 **“(4) The Housing and Community Services Department shall collect data on program**
- 27 **participants receiving rental assistance, including:**
- 28 **“(a) Demographic data, including race.**
- 29 **“(b) Program subsidy amounts.**
- 30 **“(c) Length of tenancies and instances of rehousing or homelessness.**
- 31 **“(d) Types of housing, including roommates or family living situations.**
- 32 **“(e) Access to, and utilization of, other support systems, including education, workforce**
- 33 **training, health insurance and primary care providers.**
- 34 **“(5) The department may contract with housing authorities, community action agencies**
- 35 **or community-based social service and housing providers to deliver rental assistance and to**

1 collect and report data under the program.

2 “**SECTION 3.** (1) There is established the Long-Term Rent Assistance Fund, separate and
3 distinct from the General Fund.

4 “(2) The Long-Term Rent Assistance Fund shall consist of moneys credited to the fund
5 from moneys appropriated or transferred to the fund by the Legislative Assembly or received
6 from the federal government or other grants, gifts or donations from any source.

7 “(3) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Housing and Community
8 Services Department to carry out the duties under section 2 of this 2021 Act.

9 “**SECTION 4.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-
10 priated to the Housing and Community Services Department, for the biennium beginning July
11 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$4,500,000, for deposit into the Long-Term
12 Rent Assistance Fund under section 3 of this 2021 Act.

13 “**SECTION 5.** The Housing and Community Services Department shall report to the
14 Oregon Housing Stability Council on or before September 15, 2022, and on or before Septem-
15 ber 15, 2023, on the outcome of and data from the program established under section 2 of this
16 2021 Act.

17 “**SECTION 6.** Section 5 of this 2021 Act is repealed on January 2, 2024.

18 “**SECTION 7.** This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
19 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect
20 July 1, 2021.”

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