

House Bill 2163

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Establishes long term rental assistance program in Housing and Community Services Department. Requires department to report on program to Oregon Housing Stability Council by December 31 of even years. Establishes Rental Assistance Fund to fund program.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to rental assistance.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. Sections 2 to 4 of this 2021 Act are added to and made a part of ORS chapter**
5 **458.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) The Housing and Community Services Department shall establish a long**
7 **term rental assistance program with the guidance of the Oregon Housing Stability Council.**

8 **(2) The department may consult with public housing authorities, community action**
9 **agencies and culturally specific housing providers to establish eligibility criteria, rent limits**
10 **and priority populations.**

11 **SECTION 3. The Housing and Community Services Department shall report to the**
12 **Oregon Housing Stability Council before December 31 of even years on the outcome of the**
13 **rental assistance program under section 2 of this 2021 Act and other information as required**
14 **by the council.**

15 **SECTION 4. (1) There is established the Rental Assistance Fund, separate and distinct**
16 **from the General Fund.**

17 **(2) The fund shall consist of moneys credited to the fund from moneys appropriated or**
18 **transferred to the fund by the Legislative Assembly or received from the federal government**
19 **or other grants, gifts or donations from any source.**

20 **(3) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Housing and Community**
21 **Services Department to carry out the duties under sections 2 and 3 of this 2021 Act.**
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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.