

House Bill 2316

Sponsored by Representative SALINAS (Pre-session filed.)

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**.

Transfers from Housing and Community Services Department to Oregon Health Authority responsibility for administering Housing for Mental Health Fund.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to individuals with mental disorders; amending ORS 458.380 and 458.385.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 458.380 is amended to read:

5 458.380. (1) The Housing for Mental Health Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate
6 and distinct from the General Fund. The Housing for Mental Health Fund consists of moneys [*de-*
7 *posited in the fund under section 8, chapter 812, Oregon Laws 2015, and may include moneys*] appro-
8 priated, allocated, deposited or transferred to the fund by the Legislative Assembly or otherwise and
9 interest earned on moneys in the fund.

10 (2) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the [*Housing and Community Services*
11 *Department*] **Oregon Health Authority** for disbursement for the purposes set forth in ORS 458.385.

12 **SECTION 2.** ORS 458.385 is amended to read:

13 458.385. (1) The [*Housing and Community Services Department, in collaboration with the*] Oregon
14 Health Authority[,] shall disburse moneys in the Housing for Mental Health Fund to provide funding
15 for:

16 (a) The development of community-based housing, including licensed residential treatment facil-
17 ities, for individuals with mental illness and individuals with substance use disorders; and

18 (b) Crisis intervention services, rental subsidies and other housing-related services to help keep
19 individuals with mental illness and individuals with substance use disorders safe and healthy in their
20 communities.

21 (2) The [*department*] **authority** shall provide funding for:

22 (a) A portion of the costs to purchase land and to construct housing described in subsection
23 (1)(a) of this section; and

24 (b) Up to 50 percent of the start-up costs for providing housing described in subsection (1)(a) of
25 this section, including but not limited to fixtures, furnishings and training of staff.

26 (3)(a) The [*department*] **authority** shall prescribe the financing mechanisms to be used to provide
27 funding under subsection (2)(a) of this section of up to 35 percent of the total project development
28 costs.

29 (b) The [*department*] **authority** may waive the 35 percent limit on total project development
30 costs under paragraph (a) of this subsection for a low-cost project or to meet a critical need in a
31 rural area.

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.

- 1 (4) The [department] **authority** shall convene an advisory group to make recommendations to the
2 [department] **authority** for:
- 3 (a) The allocation of moneys between different types of housing;
 - 4 (b) The financing of housing described in subsection (1)(a) of this section;
 - 5 (c) The provision of services described in subsection (1)(b) of this section;
 - 6 (d) Soliciting funding proposals; and
 - 7 (e) Processing applications for funding.
- 8 (5) The advisory group convened under subsection (4) of this section must include:
- 9 (a) One representative of a private provider of mental health treatment;
 - 10 (b) One representative of a private provider of substance abuse treatment;
 - 11 (c) Two representatives of groups that advocate on behalf of consumers of mental health or
12 substance abuse treatment;
 - 13 (d) One staff person from the **Housing and Community Services** Department;
 - 14 (e) One staff person from the division of the [Oregon Health] authority that regulates mental
15 health and substance abuse treatment programs;
 - 16 (f) Two consumers of mental health or substance abuse treatment;
 - 17 (g) One representative of a community mental health program;
 - 18 (h) One person with expertise in developing and financing community housing projects in rural
19 communities; and
 - 20 (i) One representative of community corrections.
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