

# House Bill 2729

Sponsored by Representative WITT (Presession filed.)

## SUMMARY

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Requires Housing and Community Services Department to pay to residential and nonresidential landlords certain uncollected rents due between April 1, 2020, and September 30, 2020. Appropriates moneys for payments.

Sunsets on January 2, 2022.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to payments to landlords of uncollected rents; and declaring an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1. (1) The Housing and Community Services Department shall pay to each residential or nonresidential landlord whose tenant has vacated the premises on or after April 1, 2020, an amount equal to the rent that became due by the tenant on or after April 1, 2020, and on or before September 30, 2020, and that was not repaid by the tenant, minus the greater of:**

**(a) The security deposit and prepaid rent collected by the landlord; or**

**(b) One month's rent.**

**(2) The department shall prescribe how a landlord may apply for and receive payment under this section.**

**(3) A landlord may not receive a payment under this section unless the landlord agrees to, in an amount equal to the payment:**

**(a) Transfer to the department any claims for the unpaid nonpayment balance that the landlord has against a tenant; and**

**(b) Repay to the department any amount the landlord later receives from the tenant or on the tenant's behalf.**

**SECTION 2. Notwithstanding ORS 458.600 to 458.665, the Housing and Community Services Department may use moneys within the Oregon Housing Fund, or any account made a part of the fund under ORS 458.620, to administer and to make payments under section 1 of this 2021 Act.**

**SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Housing and Community Services Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$\_\_\_, to administer and make payments under section 1 of this 2021 Act.**

**SECTION 4. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on January 2, 2022.**

**SECTION 5. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect on its passage.**

**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.

