

Testimony on SB 282-1

To: Senate Committee on Housing and Development

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Funds allocated for rent assistance in Oregon since the pandemic and moratoriums began in April 2020:

1. May E Board meeting: \$9 million (distributed in Fall 2020)
2. Fall: First federal stimulus package: About \$75 million (distributed by 12/31/2020)
3. December 21: Third special session, using state General Funds: \$200 million (with \$150M in the Landlord Compensation Fund) (currently being distributed)
4. Late December: Last Trump Administration stimulus package: \$283 million (not yet available to be distributed; US Treasury still working on the rules)
5. Anticipated Biden Administration stimulus package: \$300 million (anticipated to be made available in May 2021)

Grand total: At least \$867 million.

Note #1: There may have been other funds, from other federal programs such as CDBG and from local governments.

Note #2: As of March 1, OHCS reports that 1,100 landlords had applied to the Landlord Compensation Fund. The first round of funding deadline has been extended to March 5 as a result of the recent ice storm power outages.