HB 2454   STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates unspecified moneys from General Fund to Oregon Housing and Community Services Department (OHCS) to be deposited into Emergency Housing Account for the purpose of providing services and assistance to school-aged children and their families who may be homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Appropriates $12.5 million General Fund to Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) for upcoming biennium for grants to shelter facilities, outreach, culturally specific services, and mental health or substance abuse services, in order to increase access to those services for youth experiencing homelessness. Appropriates $12.5 million General Fund to ODHS for upcoming biennium for grants to organizations that operate host home projects for youth experiencing homelessness. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

REVENUE: *Revenue impact issued*

FISCAL: *May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued*

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) administers the Emergency Housing Account as a funding source for emergency housing assistance grants to service providers under the guidance of the Oregon Housing Stability Council. Oregon law designates the council as the central coordinating body for state homelessness efforts and OHCS and the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) as the lead agencies in administering the state's homelessness policy.

House Bill 2454 appropriates moneys from the General Fund to OHCS to be used for providing services and assistance to school-aged children and their families who are homeless or are at risk of homelessness. The measure also appropriates moneys from the General Fund to ODHS for grants to service providers to expand access to youth experiencing homelessness.