

SB 918 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Housing and Development

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Meeting Dates: 3/29, 4/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) to study housing and report to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to housing no later than September 15, 2024.

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

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Replaces measure.

Directs Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) to establish Oregon Housing Justice Program (OHJP). Provides from General Fund for biennium beginning July 1, 2023, for specified homelessness and housing stability-related purposes and extending current agreements when feasible: \$100,000 in grants to culturally specific and culturally responsive organizations; \$14 million to Oregon Worker Relief; \$10.5 million to the Urban League of Portland; \$1.5 million to the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization; and \$9.5 million to community action agencies.

Permits OHCS, with approval of Oregon Housing Stability Council, to develop policy providing stipends to people with lived experience of homelessness and housing instability who provide solicited feedback to share decision making with, and prioritize experiences of, those most impacted by OHCS programs and policies. Establishes allowable conditions of stipend.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 918 directs Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) to study housing and report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to housing no later than September 15, 2024.