

SB 893 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Housing and Development

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Meeting Dates: 3/20, 3/29

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Housing and Community Services (OHCS) to study issues related to homelessness and report back to appropriate committee of Legislative Assembly on or before September 15, 2025.

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of upcoming amendment
- Technical aspects of bill and implementation
- Recommendations of HB 2100 Task Force on Homelessness and Racial Disparities
- Time frame of bill deliverables

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Replaces measure.

Requires Housing and Community Services Department (OHCS) to modify state's funding structure based on recommendations from Task Force on Homelessness and Racial Disparities. Allows creation of committees for consideration of rules and designing of policy frameworks for programs by federally recognized tribes within Oregon; community action agencies; continuums of care; and culturally-specific organizations. Requires OHCS provide report to committee of Legislative Assembly related to housing on or before March 15, 2024, about implementing changes for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, including recommendations for modifying other OHCS homeless programs as a result of the changes.

Provides authority to the Housing and Community Services Department (OHCS) to support or develop programs and systems intended to prevent and end homelessness, including: operation of emergency shelters and transitional housing, homeless system and services improvements, investment in data gathering, individualized and culturally responsive interventions, and programs and services designed to reduce poverty and prevent evictions.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 893 directs the Department of Housing and Community Services (OHCS) to study issues related to homelessness and report back to an appropriate committee of the Legislative Assembly on or before September 15, 2025.