

SUPPORT HB 2987 A

*Ensure that the Healthy Homes Program
has maximum community benefit*

Technical Fix

HB 2987A authorizes the Oregon Health Authority to establish by rule the maximum percentage of grant funds that grant recipients under Healthy Homes Program may use for administrative expenses. This bill declares emergency, effective on passage.

The Healthy Homes legislation passed in 2021 capped program delivery costs alongside administrative overhead. Home repair practitioners serving on the task force convened by OHA expressed strong concern that including program delivery costs in the cap would severely limit the home repair services delivered.

Importance of Program Delivery

Effectively delivering home repairs in occupied homes benefitting households who earn up to 80% of the area median income is a high-touch activity. Program delivery activities include effective program outreach to underserved communities, verification of program eligibility, full home assessment and contractor coordination. In certain instances, the repair provider must relocate the home's occupants to a hotel while contractors make needed home improvements.

Community Benefits

Healthy Homes Program beneficiaries will have the opportunity to live in their homes in health and safety. Many repair recipients will enjoy long-term lower energy costs. Our entire community benefits from the preservation of homes for future generations. Program participants will leverage existing community relationships, as well as federal and local funding opportunities, to maximize community impact.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of HB 2987 A and your dedicated service.



