

House Bill 2654

Sponsored by Representative BYNUM (at the request of Oregon Home Builders Association) (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Establishes Housing Programs Advisory Council.
Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to housing; and prescribing an effective date.

2 Whereas the need for affordable and available housing is a priority for the Legislative Assembly;
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5 Whereas homeownership should be prioritized when allocating funding and adopting rules, laws
6 or ordinances; and

7 Whereas all agencies should be focused on helping our citizens attain wealth and security
8 through homeownership; and

9 Whereas housing policy in Oregon develops through the work of many different programs and
10 agencies, including by the adoption of regulations, incentives and funding; and

11 Whereas a coordinated system of housing policy could help improve housing decisions, reduce
12 duplication, identify best practices and improve quality, durability and availability of affordable
13 housing; and

14 Whereas agency decisions should be coordinated, stakeholders involved in providing
15 homeownership opportunities should be at the table and agencies should hear from important voices;
16 now, therefore,

17 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

18 **SECTION 1.** (1) **There is established a Housing Programs Advisory Council to advise and**
19 **assist in the review, establishment and implementation of housing program policy by:**

20 (a) **Closely monitoring implementation of activities related to housing regulations, in-**
21 **centive programs, funding and best practices.**

22 (b) **Providing advice on potential changes to the activities in order to dramatically reduce**
23 **the cost of housing and to increase the availability of housing in this state, especially**
24 **workforce housing.**

25 (c) **Strengthening intergovernmental and multiparty collaboration and enhancing collab-**
26 **oration between governments and stakeholders on an ongoing basis.**

27 (d) **Developing strategies to enhance collaboration among governmental bodies and the**
28 **public.**

29 (e) **Assessing how the statewide land use system could be more efficient and predictable**
30 **and thereby reduce unnecessary conflict.**

31 (f) **Reviewing Department of Land Conservation and Development findings and staff rec-**

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New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **ommendations and providing input and counsel to the department.**

2 **(2) The council is not a decision-making body but instead is established to provide advice,**
3 **assistance, perspective, ideas and recommendations.**

4 **(3) The council consists of 19 members appointed as follows:**

5 **(a) The President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives shall jointly**
6 **appoint:**

7 **(A) One member who represents county government;**

8 **(B) One member who is a land use planning director of a county;**

9 **(C) One member who represents city government;**

10 **(D) One member who is a land use planning director of a city;**

11 **(E) One member who represents fire chiefs and has experience with managing, fighting**
12 **or preventing fire;**

13 **(F) One member who represents rural residential property owners;**

14 **(G) One member who represents farming property owners;**

15 **(H) One member who represents a utility company or a company engaged in developing**
16 **infrastructure for housing;**

17 **(I) One member who represents environmental interests;**

18 **(J) One member who represents state or regional land use planning organizations;**

19 **(K) One member who represents land and housing development interests;**

20 **(L) One member who represents real estate industry interests; and**

21 **(M) One member who represents finance industry interests; and**

22 **(b) The Governor shall appoint:**

23 **(A) One member to represent the Department of Land Conservation and Development;**

24 **(B) One member to represent the Department of Environmental Quality;**

25 **(C) One member to represent the Housing and Community Services Department;**

26 **(D) One member to represent the Department of Consumer and Business Services;**

27 **(E) One member to represent the Department of Human Services; and**

28 **(F) One member to represent the Construction Contractors Board.**

29 **(4) The term of service for each member is two years.**

30 **(5) The members are eligible for reappointment.**

31 **(6) The council shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson to serve for one-year**
32 **terms.**

33 **(7) The members shall serve on the council as volunteers and are not entitled to re-**
34 **imbursement for expenses.**

35 **(8) The Department of Land Conservation and Development shall staff the council, assist**
36 **with drafting reports of the council and otherwise support the work of the council.**

37 **(9) The council shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may**
38 **include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative As-**
39 **sembly related to housing no later than September 15 of each year.**

40 **SECTION 2. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023**
41 **regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**