

A-Engrossed
House Bill 3555

Ordered by the House April 7
Including House Amendments dated April 7

Sponsored by Representative DEXTER; Representatives GAMBA, HARTMAN

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.

[Establishes Agricultural Housing Repair Fund. Continuously appropriates money from fund to Housing and Community Services Department for grants for repair or replacement of agriculture workforce housing.]

Requires **Housing and Community Services** Department to provide grants for urban community housing supporting agricultural employees.

Appropriates moneys to department for *[fund and]* grants.

Sunsets *[fund and]* grants on January 2, 2028.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to housing for agricultural workforce; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 456.548 to**
5 **456.725.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, "community housing supporting agricultural**
7 **employees" means a housing development that:**

8 (a) **Is within an urban growth boundary;**

9 (b) **Is within 20 miles of significant agricultural employment as identified by the Housing**
10 **and Community Services Department;**

11 (c) **Is promoted for residential use by agricultural employees and developed with amen-**
12 **ities suitable for agricultural employees and their families;**

13 (d) **Consists of a multifamily dwelling or a cluster of buildings, including manufactured,**
14 **prefabricated or modular housing, housing produced through a three-dimensional printing**
15 **process or other housing developed using innovative construction types; and**

16 (e)(A) **Is subject to an affordable housing covenant requiring that the units are main-**
17 **tained for a period of no less than 60 years as affordable to rent for low income households,**
18 **as described in ORS 456.270 to 456.295;**

19 (B) **Is operated as a consumer housing cooperative; or**

20 (C) **Is operated under a model approved by the department designed to preserve**
21 **affordability or control of the property by its residents.**

22 (2) **The Housing and Community Services Department shall provide one or more grants**
23 **to qualified housing sponsors for the purposes of developing community housing supporting**
24 **agricultural employees.**

25 (3) **In awarding grants under this section, the department shall prioritize applications:**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (a) From a developer that is a nonprofit housing corporation that serves agricultural
2 workers;

3 (b) From a developer that is a nonprofit that promotes housing for agricultural employ-
4 ees or other needs of agricultural employees, or from a developer that has entered into a
5 partnership with a nonprofit housing corporation that serves agricultural workers for the
6 purposes of developing the community housing;

7 (c) Where other funding for the housing development has been dedicated or can be lev-
8 eraged by the grant;

9 (d) Where the housing development will be located close to significant agricultural em-
10 ployment; or

11 (e) Where the housing development will include or will be near specific characteristics
12 or amenities designed to support or attract agricultural employees and their families.

13 (4) Grants awarded under this section may be used for any project costs for the devel-
14 opment or predevelopment of the community housing supporting agricultural employees.

15 (5) A qualified housing sponsor receiving grants under this section shall agree to provide
16 information to the department to report to an appropriate interim committee of the Legis-
17 lative Assembly, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, on the use of the grant on or before
18 September 15, 2027.

19 **SECTION 3.** Section 2 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2028.

20 **SECTION 4.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
21 ated to the Housing and Community Services Department, for the biennium beginning July
22 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$10,000,000, to award and administer grants
23 under section 2 of this 2023 Act.

24 **SECTION 5.** This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
25 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect
26 July 1, 2023.
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