

Senate Bill 46

Sponsored by Senator FINDLEY (at the request of Representative Kevin Mannix) (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**.

Requires Housing and Community Services Department to provide sample plans and grants for senior cottages. Appropriates moneys from General Fund to department for grant program. Requires department to report on program to interim committee of Legislative Assembly on or before September 15, 2025.

Sunset January 2, 2026.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to affordable housing for seniors; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

5 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, "senior cottages" means housing that is:**

6 **(a) Cottage clusters, as defined in ORS 197.758, that complies with building codes and with**
7 **the model middle housing ordinance created by the Land Conservation and Development**
8 **Commission under section 3 (2), chapter 639, Oregon Laws 2019;**

9 **(b) Housing for older persons as defined in ORS 659A.421;**

10 **(c) Available to rent by persons with very low income as defined in ORS 458.610;**

11 **(d) Made available to rent for the first year after development for no more than \$750 per**
12 **month and that thereafter complies with requirements adopted by the Housing and Commu-**
13 **nity Services Department that apply to affordable rental housing managed by the department**
14 **that govern rent increases, including requirements related to rent increase limits, required**
15 **notices or approval or review by the department;**

16 **(e) Designed and constructed for accessibility in accordance with section 1102 or 1103 of**
17 **the International Code Council Standard for Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities,**
18 **third version, April 2022; and**

19 **(f) Durable and easy to construct.**

20 **(2) The Housing and Community Services Department shall:**

21 **(a) Develop and freely disseminate sample plans for the development of senior cottages;**
22 **and**

23 **(b) Provide grants to qualified housing sponsors to fund project costs or system devel-**
24 **opment charges for senior cottages.**

25 **SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2026.**

26 **SECTION 4. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
27 **ated to the Housing and Community Services Department, for the biennium beginning July**
28 **1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$250,000,000, to implement section 2 of this**
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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 **2023 Act.**

2 **SECTION 5. (1) An organization receiving a grant under section 2 of this 2023 Act shall**
3 **submit a report to the Housing and Community Services Department on or before August**
4 **1, 2025, that includes:**

5 (a) **A description of the activities undertaken by the organization using the grant;**

6 (b) **Identification of the costs of each of the services provided in connection with the**
7 **housing assisted with such grant amounts; and**

8 (c) **An assessment of the effectiveness of the grant program under section 2 of this 2023**
9 **Act and any recommendations for improving the program.**

10 (2) **On or before September 15, 2025, the department shall submit a report to an appro-**
11 **priate interim committee of the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided in ORS 192.245**
12 **summarizing the information collected in the reports under subsection (1) of this section.**

13 **SECTION 6. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
14 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect**
15 **July 1, 2023.**

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