

Senate Bill 720

Sponsored by Senator GIROD (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**.

Allows Housing and Community Services Department to modify grant to allow use of remaining moneys to compensate certain landlords not otherwise reimbursed for unpaid rent during COVID-19 emergency period.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to compensation for unpaid rent during COVID-19 emergency period; and declaring an
3 emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) The Housing and Community Services Department shall enter into ne-**
6 **gotiations with Home Forward regarding the grant to compensate landlords described in**
7 **section 9, chapter 420, Oregon Laws 2021, to allow the use of the grant described in section**
8 **4 (3), chapter 4, Oregon Laws 2021 (second special session), for the purposes of section 9,**
9 **chapter 420, Oregon Laws 2021, and to make distributions to compensate residential landlords**
10 **that:**

11 (a) **Applied or were eligible to apply for compensation under section 2, chapter 3, Oregon**
12 **Laws 2020 (third special session), except as provided under subsection (2) of this section;**

13 (b) **Did not receive from any source 100 percent of the past-due rent that a tenant owed**
14 **but did not pay between April 1, 2020, and June 30, 2021; and**

15 (c) **Complete an application before the earlier of January 1, 2025, or the date that grant**
16 **moneys have been exhausted.**

17 (2) **Notwithstanding section 2 (1), chapter 3, Oregon Laws 2020 (third special session), a**
18 **landlord need not include a copy of a signed declaration as described under section 7 (1)(b)**
19 **and (3)(b), chapter 3, Oregon Laws 2020 (third special session), or section 2 (2)(a), chapter**
20 **420, Oregon Laws 2021, or any other documentation from the tenant to be eligible for com-**
21 **ensation under subsection (1) of this section provided that the landlord can demonstrate the**
22 **dates that the tenant occupied the dwelling and the dates for which rent was not received.**

23 (3) **If the grant is modified under this section, the department shall take steps to ensure**
24 **that landlords that were denied funding under section 2, chapter 3, Oregon Laws 2020 (third**
25 **special session), based on missing documentation may be reevaluated by Home Forward or**
26 **notified of the opportunity to reapply for funding.**

27 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2024.**

28 **SECTION 3. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
29 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect**
30 **on its passage.**

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.

