## SB 814 A    STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

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| **Meeting Dates:** | 4/16, 4/30 |

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure expands eligibility for the long-term rental assistance program implemented by the Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) Department to include individuals under 25 who are or recently have been residing in a child care center or confined in a correctional facility. Directs OHCS to consult with the Oregon Youth Authority in addition to other entities in designing the program.

*Fiscal impact: Has minimal fiscal impact*
*Revenue impact: No revenue impact*
*SENATE VOTE: Ayes, 30.*

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**
- History, background, and mechanism of program
- Intention to include youth exiting Oregon Youth Authority in House Bill 2163 (2021)
- Community outreach and engagement for program

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

House Bill 2163 (2021) established a long-term rental assistance program within the Housing and Community Services Department available to individuals under 25 years of age who are or had recently been, homeless; in a substitute care program; incarcerated or detained in a correctional or detention facility; or residing in a facility for dependency or mental health treatment. It required the department to include at least one urban, rural, and coastal area where the program would operate and directed the department to design the program in consultation with the Oregon Housing Stability Council, Department of Human Services, and community-based as well as culturally specific social service providers focused on serving youth. The bill also directed the department to collect rental assistance program data and authorized it to contract with housing and social service providers to deliver rental assistance and gather and report program utilization data. Furthermore, it established the Long-term Rent Assistance Fund and appropriated $4.5 million in General Fund moneys for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021.