

HB 3792 A BUDGET REPORT and MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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**Housing and Community Services Department
2025-27**

Budget Summary*

| | 2023-25 Legislatively Approved Budget ⁽¹⁾ | 2025-27 Current Service Level | 2025-27 Committee Recommendation | Committee Change from 2023-25 Leg. Approved | |
|---------------------|---|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|----------|
| | | | | \$ Change | % Change |
| Other Funds Limited | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 20,000,000 | \$ 20,000,000 | 100.0% |
| Total | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 20,000,000 | \$ 20,000,000 | 100.0% |

* Excludes Capital Construction expenditures

Summary of Revenue Changes

House Bill 3792 increases the amount of funds collected by electric companies by \$20.0 million, the assessed amount is set by the Public Utility Commission (PUC) and paid by customers of electric companies for deposit into the Oregon Housing and Community Services Development Department's (HCSD) Low-Income Electric Bill Payment Assistance Fund. The bill also increases HCSD Other Funds expenditure limitation by \$20.0 million to make electric bill payment and crisis assistance payments.

Summary of Capital Construction Subcommittee Action

House Bill 3792 increases the annual minimum amount from \$20.0 million to \$40.0 million collected by electric companies for low-income electric bill payment and crisis assistance. The funds collected are directed to HCSD for deposit into the Low-Income Electric Bill Payment Assistance Fund. These funds are required to be used for bill payment and crisis assistance for low-income households.

The bill also requires PUC to set customer rates to meet the minimum collection requirement and reassess the level of need and electricity rate changes every two years. If PUC increases the total amount to be collected by more than 2.5%, the Commission must report to the Legislature within 30 days, including findings and the new collection amount. PUC must also ensure no customer pays more than \$1,000 per month, per customer site, toward this assistance program.

The Subcommittee recommended a \$20.0 million Other Funds expenditure limitation increase for HCSD to distribute these funds to contracted local service providers administering financial assistance to eligible low-income Oregonians in accordance with administrative rules for the program.

DETAIL OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ACTION

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| DESCRIPTION | GENERAL FUND | LOTTERY FUNDS | OTHER FUNDS | | FEDERAL FUNDS | | TOTAL ALL FUNDS | POS | FTE |
|--|--------------|---------------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|-----------------|-----|------|
| | | | LIMITED | NONLIMITED | LIMITED | NONLIMITED | | | |
| SUBCOMMITTEE ADJUSTMENTS | | | | | | | | | |
| SCR 010 - Housing Stabilization Programs | | | | | | | | | |
| Special Payments | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 20,000,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | 20,000,000 | | |
| TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 20,000,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | 20,000,000 | 0 | 0.00 |
| SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION * | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 20,000,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | 20,000,000 | 0 | 0.00 |

*Excludes Capital Construction Expenditures