

Legislative Fiscal Office 83<sup>rd</sup> Oregon Legislative Assembly 2025 Regular Session

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Bill Title: Relating to housing.

# Government Unit(s) Affected: Legislative Policy and Research Office

### **Summary of Fiscal Impact**

2025-27 Biennium	Gen	eral Fund	Lotter	y Funds	Othe	er Funds	Fede	eral Funds	То	tal Funds	Positions	FTE
Legislative Policy and Research Office	\$	200,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	200,000	-	-
Total Fiscal Impact	\$	200,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	200,000	-	-

2027-29 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Legislative Policy and Research Office	\$-	\$ -	\$-	\$-	\$-	-	-
Total Fiscal Impact	\$-	\$ -	\$-	\$ -	\$-	-	-

# **Measure Description**

The measure directs the Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO) to conduct a study of factors that impede the production of affordable housing units in Oregon, with a focus on housing production in the last five years. The study shall summarize existing research on key cost drivers that impact or influence the production costs of creating new affordable housing units in Oregon; review specific factors that impact the development of different types of affordable housing projects in Oregon; compare the costs of affordable housing development in Oregon among units created with prevailing and non-prevailing wage rates; and identify regional factors that influence the costs of developing new affordable housing projects in the state. In preparing the report, LPRO shall consult with individuals and entities having relevant knowledge and representing diverse regions and perspectives and that are involved in affordable housing production initiative. LPRO may contract with a public, private, or nonprofit entity to conduct the study and prepare the report. LPRO shall submit the report to interim legislative committees related to housing.

# **Fiscal Analysis**

The fiscal impact of the measure is \$200,000 General Fund in the 2025-27 biennium. LPRO will contract with a third-party vendor with expertise in researching economics, labor, and publicly funded housing projects. The estimated cost of contracting with a vendor to provide specialized research services depends on the scope of the study, the type of data collection involved, the cost of accessing data, as well as personnel costs, expenses related to data collection, modeling, and preparing the final report. Assuming the study requires comprehensive and high-quality data on total construction costs, the size and complexity of affordable housing projects, and the ability to assess potential spillover effects from the use of prevailing wage rates in Oregon, and differences between rural and urban localities, the estimated cost of this study is \$200,000 General Fund. LPRO's existing staff will oversee the study, including the selecting a vendor through a competitive bid process, oversight of the project research, and review of the findings and final report.

### **Relevant Dates**

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

LPRO is required to report to the Legislature by August 15, 2026.