

Senate Bill 1155

Sponsored by Senator REYNOLDS, Representative BOWMAN

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**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act tells OHCS to start a pilot program to help pregnant people and their families get stable housing. (Flesch Readability Score: 67.3).

Directs the Housing and Community Services Department to establish a pilot program to assist pregnant persons and their immediate family members in attaining stable housing.

Sunsets on January 2, 2028.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to affordable housing.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Housing and Community Services Department shall establish a pilot**
5 **program to assist pregnant persons and their immediate family members who are members**
6 **of a low income household to attain stable housing that begins as early as the person con-**
7 **ceives and continues at least until the child is at least two years of age. The housing must**
8 **be safe, affordable, accessible, sized to meet the needs of the family and located in proximity**
9 **to the places of employment and education of all members of the family and to the health**
10 **care, child care and commercial services, and other community assets, beneficial to the**
11 **well-being of all members of the family. The housing must be subject to an affordable housing**
12 **covenant as described in ORS 456.270 to 456.295 that maintains the housing as affordable to**
13 **low income households for a period of at least 10 years.**

14 **(2) In order to carry out the pilot program established under this section, the depart-**
15 **ment:**

16 **(a) Shall allow an owner of a rental housing project development financed by the de-**
17 **partment to set aside housing units for participants in the pilot program; and**

18 **(b) May accept, from any organization or state or local government agency that offers**
19 **rental assistance, gifts, grants or other contributions of any portion of that rental assist-**
20 **ance.**

21 **(3) The department shall modify any existing scoring criteria for rental housing project**
22 **development applicants in order to give priority to applicants that commit to setting aside**
23 **housing units for participants in the pilot program established under this section.**

24 **(4) The department may adopt rules to carry out this section including rules to determine**
25 **pilot program participant eligibility.**

26 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2028.**

27 **SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
28 **ated to the Housing and Community Services Department, for the biennium beginning July**
29 **1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$____, for the pilot program established**

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 **under section 1 of this 2025 Act.**

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