

## SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 31

By COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT

March 31

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after “housing” insert “; and declaring an emergency”.

2 Delete lines 4 through 8 and insert:

3 “**SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 3 of this 2025 Act are added to and made a part of ORS**  
4 **456.255 to 456.267.**

5 “**SECTION 2. (1) The Housing and Community Services Department may award grants**  
6 **to housing authorities, community action agencies, culturally specific or culturally respon-**  
7 **sive organizations and other nonprofit organizations as the department may deem eligible,**  
8 **to provide assistance to tenants and their households whose housing is withdrawn from**  
9 **publicly supported housing.**

10 “**(2) The department shall establish a process and criteria for soliciting, awarding and**  
11 **disbursing grants under this section, which must include that:**

12 “**(a) Applications may not be accepted or reviewed until the department has received a**  
13 **first notice for the publicly supported housing under ORS 456.260 (1);**

14 “**(b) An application must include the publicly supported housing’s address, number of**  
15 **units and owner’s name;**

16 “**(c) The department may not award more than one grant to any applicant per publicly**  
17 **supported housing; and**

18 “**(d) The grant award may not exceed three times the total monthly rent charged by the**  
19 **formerly publicly supported housing when subject to the affordability restrictions, plus the**  
20 **grant recipient’s reasonable overhead and costs of grant administration.**

21 “**(3) Moneys may not be distributed to grant award recipients before the publicly sup-**  
22 **ported housing’s termination date.**

23 “**(4)(a) Grant award recipients may use grant moneys received under this section to**  
24 **provide direct financial assistance to tenants and their households who, on the termination**  
25 **date, were living in the publicly supported housing.**

26 “**(b) The financial assistance provided by the grantee to a household may not exceed**  
27 **three times the total monthly rent last charged to the tenant by the formerly publicly sup-**  
28 **ported housing when subject to the affordability restrictions.**

29 “**(c) A tenant and their household may use the financial assistance for:**

30 “**(A) If remaining in the housing, increased rent following the termination of the**  
31 **affordability restrictions, including during and after the period described in ORS 456.267 (1);**  
32 **or**

33 “**(B) If moving, the costs of moving, the first month’s rent, security or rent deposits,**  
34 **costs for utility transfer or connections, housing navigation services or other uses as es-**  
35 **tablished by the department in order to maintain or secure housing for the tenant and their**

1 household.

2 “(5) No later than five years following the award of grant moneys received under this  
3 section, grant award recipients shall:

4 “(a) Provide a report to the department accounting for how the moneys were spent and  
5 the outcomes obtained; and

6 “(b) Return any unspent moneys to the department for deposit into the Expiring Af-  
7 fordable Housing Tenant Support Fund established by section 3 of this 2025 Act.

8 “SECTION 3. (1) The Expiring Affordable Housing Tenant Support Fund is established in  
9 the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund.

10 “(2) The Expiring Affordable Housing Tenant Support Fund consists of moneys received  
11 by the Housing and Community Services Department under section 2 (5) of this 2025 Act and  
12 moneys appropriated, allocated, deposited or transferred to the fund by the Legislative As-  
13 sembly or otherwise. Interest earned by the fund shall be credited to the fund.

14 “(3) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the department for the grant  
15 program under section 2 of this 2025 Act.

16 “SECTION 4. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-  
17 priated to the Housing and Community Services Department, for the biennium beginning July  
18 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$6,000,000, for deposit into the Expiring Af-  
19 fordable Housing Tenant Support Fund established by section 3 of this 2025 Act.

20 “SECTION 5. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
21 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect  
22 July 1, 2025.”.  
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