# A-Engrossed Senate Bill 690

Ordered by the Senate June 13 Including Senate Amendments dated June 13

Sponsored by Senator REYNOLDS, Representatives GRAYBER, NERON, NELSON; Senators GELSER BLOUIN, MANNING JR, PATTERSON (Presession filed.)

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

Digest: This Act delays evictions for babies' families who get help with rent through OHP. (Flesch Readability Score: 71.7).

[Digest: The Act tells OHA to look at perinatal public health issues. (Flesch Readability Score: 64.9).]

[Requires the Oregon Health Authority to study perinatal public health issues. Directs the authority to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health care not later than September 15, 2026.]

[Sunsets on January 2, 2027.]

Requires courts to delay residential eviction trials for nonpayment until at least 90 days following approval of health-related social needs housing supports. Requires the Judicial Department to make conforming updates to the nonpayment termination notice. Sunsets on September 28, 2027.

Requires the Housing and Community Services Department to prioritize housing funding for children under 12 months of age and to annually report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to housing on the rate of children experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

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#### A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to perinatal public health; creating new provisions; amending ORS 105.136; and declaring

3 an emergency.

4 Whereas Oregon ranks first in the nation for families with children experiencing unsheltered

5 homelessness and there are additional Oregon children who experience severe housing insecurity;

6 and

7 Whereas the number of families with children experiencing unsheltered homelessness in Oregon

8 is 14 times higher than the national average and nearly three times higher than the next highest9 state; and

10 Whereas current varied methodologies for calculating and defining homelessness can lead to 11 undercounting and can present barriers to families accessing resources; and

Whereas the population at highest risk of eviction in the United States is families with babies and toddlers who experience an eviction rate twice as high as adults without children; and

14 Whereas homelessness and housing insecurity for families with babies under one year old cre-

15 ates toxic stress for caregivers and interferes with early relational health affecting the brain growth 16 of babies; and

17 Whereas adversity in the perinatal period leads to long-lasting effects on healthy social, emo-18 tional and cognitive development, increasing the likelihood of poor academic performance, worse 19 health across the life course and homelessness into adulthood; and

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1	Whereas providing stable housing for families with babies is necessary to maximize babies' brain
2	development and their future success in learning, emotional regulation and overall health; and
3	Whereas further data reporting on the status of Oregon's rate of unsheltered homelessness
4	among children is needed to allow the Legislative Assembly to determine the effectiveness of
5	perinatal housing programs and to determine further actions; and
6	Whereas critical investments in keeping parents of infants stably housed is integral to prevent-
7	ing early childhood adverse experiences and to addressing social and structural determinants of
8	health for Oregon's most vulnerable population; now, therefore,
9	Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
10	SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 105.100 to
11	105.168.
12	SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, "health-related social needs housing supports"
13	means housing supports approved for the demonstration project under 42 U.S.C. 1315 by the
14	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
15	(2) Notwithstanding ORS 105.137 (6), a court shall schedule or reset a trial date for a
16	claim for possession based on nonpayment, as defined in ORS 90.395, if before the date set
17	for trial the plaintiff and court receive documentation sufficient to the court to demonstrate
18	that a named defendant or party to the rental agreement:
19	(a) Is the parent of a child under 12 months of age who is living in the dwelling unit;
20	(b) Is a recipient of medical assistance, as defined in ORS 414.025; and
21	(c) Was approved by the Oregon Health Authority or a coordinated care organization, as
22	defined in ORS 414.025, to receive health-related social needs housing supports.
23	(3) A trial date scheduled under this section must be scheduled no earlier than 90 days,
24	or later than 104 days, following the date of approval specified in the documentation.
25	SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is repealed on September 28, 2027.
26	SECTION 4. ORS 105.136 is amended to read:
27	105.136. (1) The Judicial Department, in consultation with the Housing and Community Services
28	Department, shall supply and may regularly update the notice required under ORS 90.395 (2) and
29	105.135 (2)(d). The notice must be in substantially the following form:
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32	THIS IS AN IMPORTANT NOTICE OF WHERE TO GET HELP IF YOU ARE FACING PO-
33	TENTIAL EVICTION FOR NONPAYMENT.
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35	For information in Spanish, Korean, Russian, Vietnamese or Chinese, go to the Judicial De-
36	partment website at
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38	You must comply with deadlines identified in a notice of nonpayment, or you risk losing your
39	housing.
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41	Rental assistance and support services may be available. Dial 2-1-1 or go to www.211info.org or
42	contact a local service provider at
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44	If you are the parent of a child under 12 months of age who is living with you, you may
45	be eligible for rent assistance programs through the Oregon Health Authority or your coor-

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1	dinated care organization. Once you have an approval letter, if you provide a copy of the
2	letter to the court and your landlord, you may be able to delay an eviction for nonpayment
3	while the rental assistance payment is pending.
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5	Low-income tenants may be able to receive free or low-cost legal advice by contacting a legal
6	aid organization. Go to to find an office near you.
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8	The Oregon State Bar provides information about legal assistance programs at
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12	(2) The Judicial Department shall translate the completed form under subsection (1) of this
13	section into the Spanish, Korean, Russian, Vietnamese and Chinese languages and shall display links
14	to the English and translated forms prominently on the department's website.
15	(3) Each form on the Judicial Department website under subsection (2) of this section must in-
16	clude a statement in English, Spanish, Korean, Russian, Vietnamese and Chinese indicating that the
17	form and translations can be found on the Judicial Department website and providing the web ad-
18	dress where the forms may be found.
19	SECTION 5. The amendments to ORS 105.136 by section 4 of this 2025 Act become oper-
20	ative on the date 60 days following the effective date of this 2025 Act.
21	<b>SECTION 6.</b> ORS 105.136, as amended by section 4 of this 2025 Act, is amended to read:
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13	dress where the forms may be found.
14	SECTION 7. The amendments to ORS 105.136 by section 6 of this 2025 Act become oper-
15	ative on September 28, 2027.
16	SECTION 8. Section 9 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 456.548 to
17	456.725.
18	SECTION 9. (1) The Housing and Community Services Department shall prioritize,
19	whenever possible in the department's discretion, families with children under 12 months of
20	age, in adopting rules or policies to implement or administer programs that serve to promote
21	housing stabilization for people experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of becoming
22	homeless.
23	(2) On or before September 15 of each year, the department shall submit a report in the
24	manner provided by ORS 192.245 to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly re-
25	lated to housing on the rate of unsheltered homelessness among children in this state.
26	SECTION 10. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
27	peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect
28	on its passage.
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