

Senate Bill 814

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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 makes changes to the rental assistance program for certain people who are under 25 years old. (Flesch Readability Score: 62.8).

Modifies eligibility criteria for the long-term rental assistance program for certain individuals under 25 years of age. Expands the list of individuals and entities the Housing and Community Services Department must consult with in designing the program.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to rental assistance; amending ORS 458.390.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 458.390 is amended to read:

5 458.390. (1) The Housing and Community Services Department shall implement a long-term
6 rental assistance program that is available to individuals who are younger than 25 years of age and
7 who are, or have recently been:

8 (a) Homeless **or at risk of becoming homeless;**

9 (b) In *[any]* a substitute care program, as defined in ORS 326.575;

10 *[(c) Incarcerated or detained in a correctional facility or detention facility as defined in ORS*
11 *419A.004; or]*

12 **(c) Residing in a child care center, as defined in ORS 419A.004;**

13 **(d) Confined in a correctional facility, as defined in ORS 341.522; or**

14 *[(d)]* **(e) Residing in a facility for dependency treatment or rehabilitation or for mental health**
15 **treatment.**

16 (2) The department shall choose three or four regions in which to operate the program, which
17 must include at least one urban area, one rural area and one coastal area.

18 (3) In designing the program, the department shall consult with:

19 (a) The Oregon Housing Stability Council;

20 (b) The Department of Human Services, including department staff operating programs or ser-
21 vices for eligible foster children or former foster children and the department's advisory committee
22 on runaway and homeless youth under ORS 417.799 (6);

23 (c) Housing authorities;

24 (d) Community-based social service providers serving the population of eligible recipients of the
25 program;

26 (e) Culturally specific youth providers; *[and]*

27 (f) The Community Action Partnership of Oregon*[,]*; **and**

28 **(g) The Oregon Youth Authority.**

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 (4) The Housing and Community Services Department shall collect data on program participants
2 receiving rental assistance, including:

3 (a) Demographic data, including race.

4 (b) Program subsidy amounts.

5 (c) Length of tenancies and instances of rehousing or homelessness.

6 (d) Types of housing, including roommates or family living situations.

7 (e) Access to, and utilization of, other support systems, including education, workforce training,
8 health insurance and primary care providers.

9 (5) The department may contract with housing authorities, community action agencies or
10 community-based social service and housing providers to deliver rental assistance and to collect and
11 report data under the program.

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