

# Senate Bill 949

Sponsored by Senator FREDERICK, Representative NELSON; Senator WOODS

## 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 project to build some mixed-use affordable housing. (Flesch Readability Score: 65.7).

Directs the Housing and Community Services Department to establish a project to develop affordable housing that integrates residential units with community services and commercial spaces in the Portland metropolitan area. Requires the department to annually report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to housing on the project's progress.

Sunset on January 2, 2030.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to affordable housing; and declaring an emergency.

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

3 **SECTION 1. (1) The Housing and Community Services Department shall establish a**  
4 **project to develop affordable, mixed-used housing that integrates residential units with**  
5 **community services and commercial spaces. The project must prioritize the needs of families**  
6 **and individuals facing housing insecurity and economic challenges in the north and northeast**  
7 **areas of the Portland metropolitan area, and align with existing affordable housing develop-**  
8 **ments in the area to contribute to a holistic approach to community revitalization and sta-**  
9 **bility.**

10 (2) The objectives of the project established under this section include:

11 (a) Strengthening existing wrap-around services from community-based organizations  
12 dedicated to guiding underserved youth in this state to realize their full potential in order  
13 to boost educational outcomes and enhance family stability;

14 (b) Promoting economic development by creating job opportunities during and after con-  
15 struction; and

16 (c) Providing affordable housing options for 644 individuals in order to address the critical  
17 shortage of housing in the community.

18 (3) The project must utilize environmentally sustainable practices during the con-  
19 struction of the development. The completed development must utilize environmentally  
20 sustainable practices to enhance energy efficiency and promote community resilience.

21 (4) The department shall consult with Self Enhancement, Inc., and other stakeholders,  
22 in establishing and effectuating the project described in this section.

23 (5) Annually not later than December 15, the department shall submit, in the manner  
24 provided in ORS 192.245, a report on the progress of the project described in this section to  
25 the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to housing. The department may  
26 consult with stakeholders in compiling the report required under this subsection.  
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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        **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2030.

2        **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated to the Housing and Community Services Department,  
3 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$10,000,000  
4 for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 1 of this 2025 Act.

5        **SECTION 4.** This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
6 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect  
7 on its passage.

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