SB 690-5 (LC 3496) 6/5/25 (RLM/ps)

Requested by Senator REYNOLDS

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 690

In line 2 of the printed bill, after "health" insert "; creating new provisions; amending ORS 105.136; and declaring an emergency".

3 After line 2, insert:

Whereas Oregon ranks first in the nation for families with children experiencing unsheltered homelessness and there are additional Oregon children who experience severe housing insecurity; and

"Whereas the number of families with children experiencing unsheltered
homelessness in Oregon is 14 times higher than the national average and
nearly three times higher than the next highest state; and

"Whereas current varied methodologies for calculating and defining
 homelessness can lead to 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

16 "Whereas homelessness and housing insecurity for families with babies 17 under one year old creates toxic stress for caregivers and interferes with 18 early relational health affecting the brain growth of babies; and

19 "Whereas adversity in the perinatal period leads to long-lasting effects 20 on healthy social, emotional and cognitive development, increasing the like-21 lihood of poor academic performance, worse health across the life course and 1 homelessness into adulthood; and

Whereas providing stable housing for families with babies is necessary
to maximize babies' brain development and their future success in learning,
emotional regulation and overall health; and

5 "Whereas further data reporting on the status of Oregon's rate of un-6 sheltered homelessness among children is needed to allow the Legislative 7 Assembly to determine the effectiveness of perinatal housing programs and 8 to determine further actions; and

9 "Whereas critical investments in keeping parents of infants stably housed 10 is integral to preventing early childhood adverse experiences and to ad-11 dressing social and structural determinants of health for Oregon's most vul-12 nerable population; now, therefore,".

13 Delete lines 4 through 10 and insert:

"<u>SECTION 1.</u> Section 2 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part
 of ORS 105.100 to 105.168.

"SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, 'health-related social needs
 housing supports' means housing supports approved for the demon stration project under 42 U.S.C. 1315 by the Centers for Medicare and
 Medicaid Services.

"(2) Notwithstanding ORS 105.137 (6), a court shall schedule or reset
a trial date for a claim for possession based on nonpayment, as defined
in ORS 90.395, if before the date set for trial the plaintiff and court
receive documentation sufficient to the court to demonstrate that a
named defendant or party to the rental agreement:

"(a) Is the parent of a child under 12 months of age who is living
 in the dwelling unit;

"(b) Is a recipient of medical assistance, as defined in ORS 414.025;
 and

"(c) Was approved by the Oregon Health Authority or a coordinated
 care organization, as defined in ORS 414.025, to receive health-related

1 social needs housing supports.

"(3) A trial date scheduled under this section must be scheduled no
earlier than 90 days, or later than 104 days, following the date of approval specified in the documentation.

5 "SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is repealed on September 28,
6 2027.

7 "SECTION 4. ORS 105.136 is amended to read:

"105.136. (1) The Judicial Department, in consultation with the Housing
and Community Services Department, shall supply and may regularly update
the notice required under ORS 90.395 (2) and 105.135 (2)(d). The notice must
be in substantially the following form:

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THIS IS AN IMPORTANT NOTICE OF WHERE TO GET HELP IF YOU
 ARE FACING POTENTIAL EVICTION FOR NONPAYMENT.

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For information in Spanish, Korean, Russian, Vietnamese or Chinese, go
to the Judicial Department website at _____.

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You must comply with deadlines identified in a notice of nonpayment, or you risk losing your housing.

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Rental assistance and support services may be available. Dial 2-1-1 or go to www.211info.org or contact a local service provider at _____.

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If you are the parent of a child under 12 months of age who is living with you, you may be eligible for rent assistance programs through the Oregon Health Authority or your coordinated care organization. Once you have an approval letter, if you provide a copy of the letter to the court and your landlord, you may be able to delay an eviction for nonpayment while the rental assistance payment is pending. Low-income tenants may be able to receive free or low-cost legal advice by contacting a legal aid organization. Go to______ to find an office near you.

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5 The Oregon State Bar provides information about legal assistance pro-6 grams at _____.

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8 "(2) The Judicial Department shall translate the completed form under 9 subsection (1) of this section into the Spanish, Korean, Russian, Vietnamese 10 and Chinese languages and shall display links to the English and translated 11 forms prominently on the department's website.

"(3) Each form on the Judicial Department website under subsection (2) of this section must include a statement in English, Spanish, Korean, Russian, Vietnamese and Chinese indicating that the form and translations can be found on the Judicial Department website and providing the web address where the forms may be found.

"SECTION 5. The amendments to ORS 105.136 by section 4 of this
2025 Act become operative on the date 60 days following the effective
date of this 2025 Act.

²⁰ "SECTION 6. ORS 105.136, as amended by section 4 of this 2025 Act, is ²¹ amended to read:

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and Chinese languages and shall display links to the English and translated
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of this section must include a statement in English, Spanish, Korean,
Russian, Vietnamese and Chinese indicating that the form and translations
can be found on the Judicial Department website and providing the web ad-

1 dress where the forms may be found.

<u>SECTION 7.</u> The amendments to ORS 105.136 by section 6 of this
2025 Act become operative on September 28, 2027.

"SECTION 8. Section 9 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part
of ORS 456.548 to 456.725.

6 "SECTION 9. (1) The Housing and Community Services Department 7 shall prioritize, whenever possible in the department's discretion, 8 families with children under 12 months of age, in adopting rules or 9 policies to implement or administer programs that serve to promote 10 housing stabilization for people experiencing homelessness or who are 11 at risk of becoming homeless.

"(2) On or before September 15 of each year, the department shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to housing on the rate of unsheltered homelessness among children in this state.

"SECTION 10. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate
 preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is
 declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect on its passage.".

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