

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 2152**

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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.

Eliminates five percent limit on funds in Oregon Housing Fund that can be used for administration of accounts.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to administration costs of Oregon Housing Fund accounts; amending ORS 458.625, 458.650,  
3 458.655 and 458.660.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 458.625 is amended to read:

6 458.625. (1) The Housing and Community Services Department may disburse the revenue earned  
7 from investment of the principal in the Housing Development and Guarantee Account to expand this  
8 state's supply of housing for low and very low income families and individuals, including, but not  
9 limited to, housing for persons over 65 years of age, persons with disabilities, farmworkers and Na-  
10 tive Americans. The State Housing Council shall have a policy that provides for distribution by the  
11 department of account investment revenue disbursements statewide while concentrating account in-  
12 vestment revenue disbursements in those areas of the state with the greatest need for low and very  
13 low income housing, as determined by the council.

14 (2) The department may disburse account investment revenue, in the form of grants or loans as  
15 determined by the department, for any or all of the following purposes:

16 (a) To organizations as defined in ORS 458.610 and to for-profit business entities to construct  
17 new housing or to acquire or rehabilitate existing structures, or both, for housing for persons of low  
18 or very low income, or both[;].

19 (b) To provide nonprofit organizations, as set forth in ORS 458.210 to 458.240, technical assist-  
20 ance or predevelopment costs, or both. Predevelopment costs include, but are not limited to, site  
21 acquisition, architectural services and project consultants. Predevelopment costs do not include  
22 costs described in paragraph (c) of this subsection[;].

23 (c) For costs to develop nonprofit organizations that show sufficient evidence of having strong  
24 community support and a strong likelihood of producing low or very low income housing. Account  
25 investment revenue may not be used by an organization for its general operations[;].

26 (d) To match public and private moneys available from other sources for purposes of production  
27 of low or very low income housing[; or].

28 (e) For purposes of administration of the account[, *not to exceed five percent of the account in-*

**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 *vestment revenue*] **as provided for in the legislatively approved budget, as that term is defined**  
2 **in ORS 291.002, for the department.**

3 (3) The department shall give preference in making grants or loans to those entities that the  
4 department determines will:

5 (a) Provide the greatest number of low and very low income housing units constructed, acquired  
6 or rehabilitated for the amount of account investment revenue expended by matching account in-  
7 vestment revenue with other grant, loan or eligible in-kind contributions;

8 (b) Ensure the longest use for the units as low or very low income housing units; or

9 (c) Include social services to occupants of the proposed housing, including but not limited to,  
10 programs that address home health care, mental health care, alcohol and drug treatment and post-  
11 treatment care, child care and case management.

12 (4) Account investment revenue derived in any calendar year may be used to construct, acquire  
13 or rehabilitate housing for low and very low income persons but not more than 25 percent of the  
14 account investment revenue derived in any calendar year may be used to construct, acquire or re-  
15 habilitate housing for low income households. Account investment revenue not disbursed by the de-  
16 partment as grants or loans to construct, acquire or rehabilitate low or very low income housing  
17 may be retained and credited as account principal.

18 (5) Loans disbursed from account investment revenue shall bear an interest rate equal to the  
19 interest rate paid on United States Treasury long-term obligations as identified by the department.

20 **SECTION 2.** ORS 458.650 is amended to read:

21 458.650. (1) The Emergency Housing Account shall be administered by the Housing and Com-  
22 munity Services Department to assist homeless persons and those persons who are at risk of be-  
23 coming homeless. For purposes of this section, "account" means the Emergency Housing Account.

24 (2) The State Housing Council shall develop policy for giving grants to organizations that shall  
25 use the funds to provide to low and very low income persons, including but not limited to, persons  
26 more than 65 years of age, persons with disabilities, farmworkers and Native Americans:

27 (a) Emergency shelters and attendant services;

28 (b) Transitional housing services designed to assist persons to make the transition from  
29 homelessness to permanent housing and economic independence;

30 (c) Supportive housing services to enable persons to continue living in their own homes or to  
31 provide in-home services for such persons for whom suitable programs do not exist in their ge-  
32 ographic area;

33 (d) Programs that provide emergency payment of home payments, rents or utilities; or

34 (e) Some or all of the needs described in paragraphs (a) to (d) of this subsection.

35 (3)(a) The council shall require as a condition of awarding a grant that the organization dem-  
36 onstrate to the satisfaction of the council that the organization has the capacity to deliver any  
37 service proposed by the organization.

38 (b) Any funds granted under this section shall not be used to replace existing funds. Funds  
39 granted under this section may be used to supplement existing funds. An organization may use funds  
40 to support existing programs or to establish new programs.

41 (c) The council, by policy, shall give preference in granting funds to those organizations that  
42 coordinate services with those programs established under ORS 458.625.

43 (4) The department may expend **funds from the account** for administration of the account [*no*  
44 *more than five percent of the account appropriation*] **as provided for in the legislatively approved**  
45 **budget, as that term is defined in ORS 291.002, for the department.**

1        **SECTION 3.** ORS 458.655 is amended to read:

2        458.655. (1) The Home Ownership Assistance Account shall be administered by the Housing and  
3        Community Services Department to expand the state's supply of homeownership housing for low and  
4        very low income families and individuals, including, but not limited to, housing for persons over 65  
5        years of age, persons with disabilities, minorities and farmworkers. The State Housing Council shall  
6        have a policy of distributing funds statewide while concentrating funds in those areas of the state  
7        with the greatest need, as determined by the council, for low and very low income homeownership  
8        housing. However, the council's policy of distributing funds may differ from the distribution policy  
9        for the Housing Development and Guarantee Account.

10       (2) Funds in the Home Ownership Assistance Account shall be granted to organizations that  
11       both sponsor and manage low income homeownership programs, including lease-to-own programs, for  
12       the construction of new homeownership housing or for the acquisition or rehabilitation of existing  
13       structures for homeownership housing for persons of low or very low income, or both.

14       (3) The council shall develop a policy for disbursing grants for any or all of the following pur-  
15       poses:

16       (a) To aid low income homeownership programs, including program administration, in purchas-  
17       ing land, providing assistance with down payment costs, or providing homeownership training and  
18       qualification services or any combination thereof. Funds in the Home Ownership Assistance Account  
19       may not be used by an organization to pay for its general operations or to pay for more than 25  
20       percent of construction or rehabilitation costs.

21       (b) To match public and private moneys available from other sources for purposes of the pro-  
22       vision of low or very low income homeownership housing.

23       (c) To administer the Home Ownership Assistance Account[, *not to exceed five percent of the re-*  
24       *venue*] **as provided for in the legislatively approved budget, as that term is defined in ORS**  
25       **291.002, for the department.**

26       (4) The council, in developing policy under subsection (3) of this section, shall give preference  
27       in making grants to those entities that propose to:

28       (a) Provide the greatest number of low and very low income homeownership housing units con-  
29       structed, acquired or rehabilitated for the amount of account money expended by matching account  
30       funds with other grant, loan or eligible in-kind contributions;

31       (b) Ensure the longest use for the units as low or very low income homeownership housing units,  
32       such as by including some form of equity recapture, land trust or shared equity provisions, as de-  
33       termined by the council;

34       (c) Include social services for occupants and proposed occupants of the proposed housing, in-  
35       cluding but not limited to, programs that address home health care, mental health care, alcohol and  
36       drug treatment and post-treatment care, child care, homeownership training, mortgage qualification  
37       service, credit repair and case management; and

38       (d) Support a comprehensive strategy to reverse the decreasing rates of homeownership among  
39       minorities, giving priority to activities that support adopted comprehensive community plans that  
40       incorporate recognized best practices or demonstrate proven success in increasing homeownership  
41       for minorities.

42       **SECTION 4.** ORS 458.660 is amended to read:

43       458.660. (1) **Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section,** the Housing and Community  
44       Services Department shall disburse the moneys credited to the Farmworker Housing Development  
45       Account to expand this state's supply of housing for low and very low income farmworkers.

1           **(2) The department may expend funds from the account for administration of the account**  
2           **as provided for in the legislatively approved budget, as that term is defined in ORS 291.002,**  
3           **for the department.**

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