

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2959

By COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 5 through 31 and delete page 2.

2 On page 3, delete lines 1 through 36 and insert:

3 “**SECTION 1.** ORS 458.665 is amended to read:

4 “458.665. (1) The Housing and Community Services Department shall administer the General
5 Housing Account.

6 “(2)(a) The department shall disburse moneys credited to the account to accomplish the pur-
7 poses described in ORS 456.515 to 456.725, except that **an amount equal to 25 percent** of moneys
8 deposited in the account pursuant to ORS 294.187 (2)(b) is dedicated for expenditure to meet the
9 critical housing needs of veterans in this state.

10 “(b) **In making the distributions under paragraph (a) of this subsection, the department**
11 **shall take into account the counties from which the fees deposited in the account were**
12 **charged and collected.**

13 “(3) The department may disburse moneys in the account by contract, grant, loan or otherwise
14 as the department determines necessary.

15 “(4) The department may set interest rates on loans made with moneys in the account.

16 “(5) The department shall establish guidelines for the types of loans financed with moneys in the
17 account by rule.

18 “(6) The department may use moneys in the account to pay allowable administrative expenses
19 incurred under ORS 456.515 to 456.725.

20 “(7) The department may, in the director’s discretion, return moneys received for deposit in the
21 account to the original source of the moneys.

22 “(8) The department may accept moneys for deposit in the account pursuant to ORS 458.620 (4)
23 and enter into agreements regarding the use of moneys deposited with the original source of the
24 moneys.

25 “(9) The department shall adopt rules that:

26 “(a) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, govern the allocation of moneys deposited in the
27 account to best meet critical housing needs and build organizational capacity of partners throughout
28 this state; and

29 “(b) Require equitable distribution of resources over time based on objective measures of need,
30 including the number and percentage of low and very low income households in an area.

31 “**SECTION 2.** ORS 458.650 is amended to read:

32 “458.650. (1)(a) The Emergency Housing Account shall be administered by the Housing and
33 Community Services Department to assist homeless persons and those persons who are at risk of
34 becoming homeless[.], **except that** an amount equal to 25 percent of moneys deposited in the ac-
35 count pursuant to ORS 294.187 (2)(b) is dedicated for expenditure for assistance to veterans who

1 are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. [*For purposes of this section, 'account' means the*
2 *Emergency Housing Account.*]

3 **“(b) In administering the account and making distributions pursuant to paragraph (a) of**
4 **this subsection, the department shall take into account the counties from which the fees**
5 **deposited in the account were charged and collected.**

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

9 “(a) Emergency shelters and attendant services;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 “(4) The department may expend funds from the account for administration of the account as
26 provided for in the legislatively approved budget, as that term is defined in ORS 291.002, for the
27 department.

28 **“SECTION 3.** ORS 458.655 is amended to read:

29 “458.655. (1)(a) The Home Ownership Assistance Account shall be administered by the Housing
30 and Community Services Department to expand this state’s supply of homeownership housing for low
31 and very low income families and individuals, including, but not limited to, persons over 65 years
32 of age, persons with disabilities, minorities, veterans and farmworkers[.], **except that** an amount
33 equal to 25 percent of moneys deposited in the account pursuant to ORS 294.187 **(2)(b)** is dedicated
34 for expenditure to expand this state’s supply of homeownership housing for low and very low income
35 veterans and families of veterans. [*The State Housing Council shall have a policy of distributing funds*
36 *statewide while concentrating funds in those areas of this state with the greatest need, as determined*
37 *by the council, for low and very low income homeownership housing. However, the council’s policy of*
38 *distributing funds may differ from the distribution policy for the Housing Development and Guarantee*
39 *Account.*]

40 **“(b) In administering the account and making distributions pursuant to paragraph (a) of**
41 **this subsection, the department shall take into account the counties from which the fees**
42 **deposited in the account were charged and collected.**

43 “(2) Funds in the Home Ownership Assistance Account shall be granted to organizations that
44 both sponsor and manage low income homeownership programs, including lease-to-own programs, for
45 the construction of new homeownership housing or for the acquisition or rehabilitation of existing

1 structures for homeownership housing for persons of low or very low income, or both.

2 “(3) The **State Housing** Council shall develop a policy for disbursing grants for any or all of
3 the following purposes:

4 “(a) To aid low income homeownership programs, including program administration, in pur-
5 chasing land, providing assistance with down payment costs, or providing homeownership training
6 and qualification services or any combination thereof. Funds in the Home Ownership Assistance
7 Account may not be used by an organization to pay for its general operations or to pay for more
8 than 25 percent of construction or rehabilitation costs.

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

11 “(c) To administer the Home Ownership Assistance Account as provided for in the legislatively
12 approved budget, as that term is defined in ORS 291.002, for the department.

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

15 “(a) Provide the greatest number of low and very low income homeownership housing units
16 constructed, acquired or rehabilitated for the amount of account money expended by matching ac-
17 count funds with other grant, loan or eligible in-kind contributions;

18 “(b) Ensure the longest use for the units as low or very low income homeownership housing
19 units, such as by including some form of equity recapture, land trust or shared equity provisions,
20 as determined by the council;

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

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

29 **“SECTION 4. (1) Any moneys in the General Housing Account on the effective date of
30 this 2015 Act that were deposited pursuant to ORS 294.187 (2)(b), that are not used or com-
31 mitted for use as provided in ORS 458.665 (2)(a), as amended by section 1 of this 2015 Act,
32 within two years after the effective date of this 2015 Act, shall be paid over to the county
33 treasurer of the county from which the fees were charged and collected, and shall be credited
34 to the general fund of the county for purposes of affordable housing.**

35 **“(2) Any moneys in the Emergency Housing Account on the effective date of this 2015
36 Act that were deposited pursuant to ORS 294.187 (2)(b), that are not used or committed for
37 use as provided in ORS 458.650 (1)(a), as amended by section 2 of this 2015 Act, within two
38 years after the effective date of this 2015 Act, shall be paid over to the county treasurer of
39 the county from which the fees were charged and collected, and shall be credited to the
40 general fund of the county for purposes of affordable housing.**

41 **“(3) Any moneys in the Home Ownership Assistance Account on the effective date of this
42 2015 Act that were deposited pursuant to ORS 294.187 (2)(b), that are not used or committed
43 for use as provided in ORS 458.655 (1)(a), as amended by section 3 of this 2015 Act, within two
44 years after the effective date of this 2015 Act, shall be paid over to the county treasurer of
45 the county from which the fees were charged and collected, and shall be credited to the**

1 **general fund of the county for purposes of affordable housing.”.**

2 In line 37, delete “4” and insert “5”.

3 On page 4, line 21, delete “5” and insert “6”.

4 In line 22, delete “4” and insert “3 and 5”.

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