

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 3420**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 9, after the period delete the rest of the
2 line and lines 10 and 11 and insert “Individuals and families who are expe-
3 riencing homelessness, especially the chronically homeless with disabilities
4 such as addictions and mental illness, are extremely fragile. Chronically
5 homeless individuals and families are the least likely of the population to
6 achieve independent living, and while efforts to manage homelessness provide
7 critical access to temporary housing and services for individuals and families
8 in crisis, these efforts fail to address long-term needs. By creating a stable
9 housing environment for such individuals and families, other issues can be
10 addressed, including employment, job training and health care.”.

11 In line 13, delete “continuum” and insert “system”.

12 In line 21, after “First” insert “Pilot”.

13 In line 24, after the period insert “This approach to homelessness differs
14 from traditional approaches by providing housing assistance, case manage-
15 ment and support services responsive to individual or family needs after
16 housing is obtained. By using this approach when appropriate, communities
17 can significantly reduce the amount of time that individuals and families
18 experience homelessness and prevent further episodes of homelessness.”.

19 In line 27, after “First” insert “Pilot”.

20 In line 28, after the period insert “The Housing First Pilot Program em-
21 phasizes that social services provided to enhance individual and family
22 well-being can be more effective when individuals and families have first

1 obtained housing.”.

2 Delete pages 2 through 4 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 2. As used in sections 1 to 3 of this 2015 Act:**

4 **“(1)(a) ‘Homelessness’ means:**

5 **“(A) Living in one of the following conditions:**

6 **“(i) Lacking a fixed, regular, adequate and habitable nighttime**
7 **residence; or**

8 **“(ii) Having a primary nighttime residence that is:**

9 **“(I) Housing shared with another person due to loss of housing or**
10 **economic hardship;**

11 **“(II) A motel, hotel, travel trailer as defined in ORS 801.565 or**
12 **campground, due to lack of alternative housing;**

13 **“(III) An emergency or transitional shelter;**

14 **“(IV) A public or private shelter designed to provide temporary**
15 **living accommodations, including but not limited to hotels for persons**
16 **receiving welfare benefits and transitional housing for persons with**
17 **mental illness;**

18 **“(V) An institution that provides temporary residence for individ-**
19 **uals who have been or will be institutionalized under the laws of this**
20 **state;**

21 **“(VI) A public or private place that is not designed for or ordinarily**
22 **used as regular sleeping accommodations for human beings; or**

23 **“(VII) A car, park, public space, abandoned building, bus or train**
24 **station or other similar setting not intended for human habitation.**

25 **“(B) Being migratory and living under one or more of the condi-**
26 **tions listed in subparagraph (A)(ii) of this paragraph.**

27 **“(C) Being released from a jail, a prison, the juvenile justice system,**
28 **the child welfare system, a mental health facility, a facility for persons**
29 **with developmental disabilities, a residential addiction treatment pro-**
30 **gram or a hospital, with no subsequent residence identified or provided**

1 and lacking the resources and support to obtain housing.

2 “(b) ‘Homelessness’ does not mean being imprisoned or otherwise
3 detained pursuant to state or federal law or to sharing housing due to
4 cultural preferences, voluntary arrangements or traditional networks
5 of support.

6 “(2) ‘System of care’ means an approach to provide housing assist-
7 ance, case management and support services that meets the specific,
8 noncritical needs of individuals and families experiencing
9 homelessness after initial, critical housing needs have been met and
10 as these persons move toward the goal of stable housing and maximum
11 self-sufficiency, with the ultimate objective being to end homelessness
12 and to prevent a return to homelessness for these persons.

13 **“SECTION 3. (1) The Housing and Community Services Department,**
14 **with the advice of the State Housing Council and in collaboration with**
15 **the Community Action Partnership of Oregon, the Department of**
16 **Human Services and the Oregon Health Authority, shall establish the**
17 **Housing First Pilot Program for the purpose of providing housing as-**
18 **sistance, case management and support services to individuals and**
19 **families experiencing homelessness in the cities of Eugene and Albany.**
20 **The program shall be designed to address the societal causes of**
21 **homelessness by obtaining housing for individuals and families expe-**
22 **riencing homelessness and providing a critical link between emergency**
23 **and transitional housing systems and community-based social ser-**
24 **vices, education and health care in the communities in which such**
25 **individuals and families live.**

26 “(2) The program must include, at a minimum, the following:

27 “(a) Housing assistance that is not time-limited and not contingent
28 on compliance with support services;

29 “(b) Crisis intervention and short-term stabilization;

30 “(c) Screening, intake and needs assessment;

1 “(d) Case management; and

2 “(e) Support services provided through community-based social
3 service, educational and health care programs and entities, as neces-
4 sary to make possible the success of participants in avoiding
5 homelessness on a permanent basis.

6 “(3) In consultation with the Community Action Partnership of
7 Oregon, the Housing and Community Services Department shall create
8 pilot projects in the cities of Eugene and Albany that contract with
9 community action agencies described in ORS 458.505 that the depart-
10 ment determines are eligible to implement the system of care in the
11 area served by the community action agency.

12 “(4) The contract between a community action agency and the
13 Housing and Community Services Department to implement the sys-
14 tem of care shall, at a minimum, provide that the community action
15 agency shall:

16 “(a) Provide screening, intake and needs assessment to identify in-
17 dividuals and families who are eligible to participate in the Housing
18 First Pilot Program based upon likelihood of success, need and other
19 factors as set forth in rules adopted by the department;

20 “(b) Assist eligible participants to obtain housing and to enter into
21 standard lease agreements for housing;

22 “(c) Provide case management and support services as appropriate
23 to make less likely a state of homelessness or a return to homelessness
24 for participants; and

25 “(d) Provide information to the department as identified in rules
26 adopted by the department to ensure that the system of care is being
27 implemented and that the objectives of the program are being achieved
28 at the pilot project sites.

29 “(5) In implementing the Housing First Pilot Program and to the
30 extent possible, the State Housing Council, the Housing and Commu-

1 nity Services Department, the Department of Human Services and the
2 Oregon Health Authority shall:

3 “(a) Prioritize state and federal funding opportunities that support
4 efforts to reduce and end homelessness through the system of care
5 implemented by the program;

6 “(b) Identify and implement initiatives and other programs that:

7 “(A) Increase the supply of rental housing needed to meet the de-
8 mand for housing for individuals and families who are experiencing
9 or may experience homelessness; and

10 “(B) Increase the availability of employment opportunities for in-
11 dividuals who are experiencing homelessness;

12 “(c) Train homelessness specialists and place them in centers that
13 are easily accessed by individuals and families experiencing
14 homelessness; and

15 “(d) Contract with a state institution of higher education to re-
16 search and document the costs of homelessness in this state, including
17 but not limited to the costs incurred by law enforcement agencies,
18 courts, jails and hospitals responding to situations involving individ-
19 uals and families experiencing homelessness, for the purpose of ob-
20 taining recommendations on how best to allocate public funds to
21 prevent and end homelessness.

22 “(6) The Housing and Community Services Department, in consul-
23 tation with the Community Action Partnership of Oregon, shall adopt
24 rules to implement the provisions of this section.

25 “SECTION 4. (1) There is created within the State Treasury, sepa-
26 rate and distinct from the General Fund, the Housing First Pilot Pro-
27 gram Fund. Interest earned by the Housing First Pilot Program Fund
28 shall be credited to the fund.

29 “(2) Moneys in the Housing First Pilot Program Fund shall consist
30 of:

1 “(a) Amounts donated to the fund;

2 “(b) Amounts appropriated or otherwise transferred to the fund by
3 the Legislative Assembly;

4 “(c) Investment earnings received on moneys in the fund; and

5 “(d) Other amounts deposited in the fund from any source.

6 “(3) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the
7 Housing and Community Services Department to carry out the pro-
8 visions of sections 1 to 3 of this 2015 Act.

9 “(4) The department may use moneys in the fund to pay the ad-
10 ministrative costs associated with the fund and with carrying out the
11 provisions of sections 1 to 3 of this 2015 Act.

12 “SECTION 5. The Housing and Community Services Department
13 shall report to the committees related to human services and housing
14 during the 2017 regular session of the Seventy-ninth Legislative As-
15 sembly regarding the status, outcome and findings of the Housing
16 First Pilot Program.

17 “SECTION 6. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-
18 ation, there is appropriated to the Housing and Community Services
19 Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, out of the Gen-
20 eral Fund, the amount of \$2 million, which may be expended for pur-
21 poses of implementing and administering the Housing First Pilot
22 Program established under section 3 of this 2015 Act.

23 “SECTION 7. (1) Sections 1 to 4 of this 2015 Act are repealed on
24 June 30, 2017.

25 “(2) Any balance in the Housing First Pilot Program Fund estab-
26 lished under section 4 of this 2015 Act that is unexpended and unobli-
27 gated on the date set forth in subsection (1) of this section, shall
28 revert to the General Fund and be available for general governmental
29 purposes.

30 “SECTION 8. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate

1 **preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is**
2 **declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.”.**

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