

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2959**

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

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

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

5 “458.665. (1) The Housing and Community Services Department shall ad-
6 minister the General Housing Account.

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

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

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

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

19 “(5) The department shall establish guidelines for the types of loans fi-
20 nanced with moneys in the account by rule.

21 “(6) The department may use moneys in the account to pay allowable ad-
22 ministrative expenses incurred under ORS 456.515 to 456.725.

1 “(7) The department may, in the director’s discretion, return moneys re-
2 ceived for deposit in the account to the original source of the moneys.

3 “(8) The department may accept moneys for deposit in the account pur-
4 suant to ORS 458.620 (4) and enter into agreements regarding the use of
5 moneys deposited with the original source of the moneys.

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

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

10 “(b) Require equitable distribution of resources over time based on ob-
11 jective measures of need, including the number and percentage of low and
12 very low income households in an area.

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

14 “458.650. (1)(a) The Emergency Housing Account shall be administered
15 by the Housing and Community Services Department to assist homeless per-
16 sons and those persons who are at risk of becoming homeless[.], **except that**
17 an amount equal to 25 percent of moneys deposited in the account pursuant
18 to ORS 294.187 (2)(b) is dedicated for expenditure for assistance to veterans
19 who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. [*For purposes of this*
20 *section, ‘account’ means the Emergency Housing Account.*]

21 **“(b) In administering the account and making distributions pursu-**
22 **ant to paragraph (a) of this subsection, the department shall take into**
23 **account the counties from which the fees deposited in the account**
24 **were charged and collected.**

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

29 “(a) Emergency shelters and attendant services;

30 “(b) Transitional housing services designed to assist persons to make the

1 transition from homelessness to permanent housing and economic independ-
2 ence;

3 “(c) Supportive housing services to enable persons to continue living in
4 their own homes or to provide in-home services for such persons for whom
5 suitable programs do not exist in their geographic area;

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

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

10 “(3)(a) The council shall require as a condition of awarding a grant that
11 the organization demonstrate to the satisfaction of the council that the or-
12 ganization has the capacity to deliver any service proposed by the organiza-
13 tion.

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

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

21 “(4) The department may expend funds from the account for adminis-
22 tration of the account as provided for in the legislatively approved budget,
23 as that term is defined in ORS 291.002, for the department.

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

25 “458.655. (1)(a) The Home Ownership Assistance Account shall be admin-
26 istered by the Housing and Community Services Department to expand this
27 state’s supply of homeownership housing for low and very low income fami-
28 lies and individuals, including, but not limited to, persons over 65 years of
29 age, persons with disabilities, minorities, veterans and farmworkers[.], **ex-**
30 **cept that** an amount equal to 25 percent of moneys deposited in the account

1 pursuant to ORS 294.187 **(2)(b)** is dedicated for expenditure to expand this
2 state’s supply of homeownership housing for low and very low income vet-
3 erans and families of veterans. [*The State Housing Council shall have a policy*
4 *of distributing funds statewide while concentrating funds in those areas of this*
5 *state with the greatest need, as determined by the council, for low and very low*
6 *income homeownership housing. However, the council’s policy of distributing*
7 *funds may differ from the distribution policy for the Housing Development and*
8 *Guarantee Account.*]

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

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

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

21 **“(a) To aid low income homeownership programs, including program ad-**
22 **ministration, in purchasing land, providing assistance with down payment**
23 **costs, or providing homeownership training and qualification services or any**
24 **combination thereof. Funds in the Home Ownership Assistance Account may**
25 **not be used by an organization to pay for its general operations or to pay**
26 **for more than 25 percent of construction or rehabilitation costs.**

27 **“(b) To match public and private moneys available from other sources for**
28 **purposes of the provision of low or very low income homeownership housing.**

29 **“(c) To administer the Home Ownership Assistance Account as provided**
30 **for in the legislatively approved budget, as that term is defined in ORS**

1 291.002, for the department.

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

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

8 “(b) Ensure the longest use for the units as low or very low income
9 homeownership housing units, such as by including some form of equity re-
10 capture, land trust or shared equity provisions, as determined by the council;

11 “(c) Include social services for occupants and proposed occupants of the
12 proposed housing, including but not limited to, programs that address home
13 health care, mental health care, alcohol and drug treatment and post-
14 treatment care, child care, homeownership training, mortgage qualification
15 service, credit repair and case management; and

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

21 **“SECTION 4. (1) Any moneys in the General Housing Account on**
22 **the effective date of this 2015 Act that were deposited pursuant to ORS**
23 **294.187 (2)(b), that are not used or committed for use as provided in**
24 **ORS 458.665 (2)(a), as amended by section 1 of this 2015 Act, within two**
25 **years after the effective date of this 2015 Act, shall be paid over to the**
26 **county treasurer of the county from which the fees were charged and**
27 **collected, and shall be credited to the general fund of the county for**
28 **purposes of affordable housing.**

29 **“(2) Any moneys in the Emergency Housing Account on the effec-**
30 **tive date of this 2015 Act that were deposited pursuant to ORS 294.187**

1 **(2)(b), that are not used or committed for use as provided in ORS**
2 **458.650 (1)(a), as amended by section 2 of this 2015 Act, within two**
3 **years after the effective date of this 2015 Act, shall be paid over to the**
4 **county treasurer of the county from which the fees were charged and**
5 **collected, and shall be credited to the general fund of the county for**
6 **purposes of affordable housing.**

7 **“(3) Any moneys in the Home Ownership Assistance Account on the**
8 **effective date of this 2015 Act that were deposited pursuant to ORS**
9 **294.187 (2)(b), that are not used or committed for use as provided in**
10 **ORS 458.655 (1)(a), as amended by section 3 of this 2015 Act, within two**
11 **years after the effective date of this 2015 Act, shall be paid over to the**
12 **county treasurer of the county from which the fees were charged and**
13 **collected, and shall be credited to the general fund of the county for**
14 **purposes of affordable housing.”.**

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

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

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

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