

SB 821 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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Meeting Dates: 3/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon Housing Stability Council to consult Community Action Partnership of Oregon in developing policy for awarding grants to organizations from the Emergency Housing Account, including aligning with federal homelessness prevention strategies.

FISCAL: May Have Fiscal Impact, But No Statement Yet Issued

REVENUE: May Have Revenue Impact, But No Statement Yet Issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law creates the Emergency Housing Account to assist the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless and is administered by the Oregon Housing Stability Council (OHCS). Funds are used to pay for programs related to outreach, shelter, transitional housing and rapid re-housing, homelessness prevention, data collection, in-home services and community-based services and capacity. The use of the Emergency Housing Account also qualifies the state to receive certain federal matching funds for anti-poverty programs, and certain federal criteria need to be met to qualify for matching funds. The Community Action Partnership of Oregon (CAPO) is the non-profit association for federally-authorized social service agencies in Oregon that currently works with the state to deliver federal antipoverty programs and advises state agencies on antipoverty programs.

Senate Bill 821 directs OHCS to seek the advice of CAPO in developing policy for awarding grants to organizations through the Emergency Housing Account, including developing policies that align with federal homelessness prevention strategies and resources.