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Measure: HB 2724

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Measure Description:

Directs Housing and Community Services Department to develop and implement Rent Guarantee Program to provide incentives and financial assistance to landlords that rent or lease to low income households by guaranteeing payments to landlords for unpaid rent and for eviction and property damage costs within certain limits.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Housing and Community Services Department

Analysis:

The bill directs Oregon Housing and Community Services Department (OHCS) to develop and implement a Rent Guarantee Program to provide incentives and financial assistance to landlords that rent or lease to low income households. OHCS will guarantee payments to landlords for unpaid rent, eviction costs, and property damage up to certain limits specified by the bill. To be eligible for the program tenants must receive training by OHCS on how to achieve and maintain a successful tenancy, as well as meet other eligibility requirements specified by the bill. OHCS is permitted to contract with public or private entities to administer this program. OHCS must submit a report to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly, no later than September 15 of each year, regarding the implementation and status of the program. The Rent Guarantee Program Fund is established and moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to OHCS to pay for associated administrative costs and to carry out the provisions of the bill.

To administer the program OHCS expects that one Program Analyst 1 position (0.50 FTE), at a cost of \$98,247 per biennium, will be able to conduct data tracking, collaborate with stakeholders, develop and distribute informational materials, and write the annual report. Costs associated with rulemaking are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgetary parameters. Public or private contract administrator costs will vary based on the total amount appropriated to the Fund. The revenue source(s) supporting the new fund have yet to be identified.