

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2534

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, after line 2, insert:

2 “Whereas one of the most effective ways to shift a community from a collective community of
3 concentrated poverty to a community of opportunity is to enhance the network of resource sharing
4 and public agency and community collaboration, and to provide resources to support collaborative
5 efforts; and

6 “Whereas community initiated and community led efforts are most likely to succeed in address-
7 ing communities of concentrated poverty in a way that is sustainable; and

8 “Whereas a lack of capacity to collaborate, inflexible funding streams, burdensome reporting
9 requirements and a lack of coordination of efforts by state agencies make it difficult for communities
10 to take action to alleviate poverty and enhance opportunity; and

11 “Whereas leveraging public and private efforts and resources can greatly increase the opportu-
12 nities for communities to improve situations of concentrated poverty; now, therefore,”.

13 Delete lines 4 through 30 and delete page 2 and insert:

14 “**SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Opportunity Commission is established.**

15 “**(2) The commission consists of 19 members, as follows:**

16 “**(a) The Governor;**

17 “**(b) The Superintendent of Public Instruction;**

18 “**(c) The Director of the Oregon Health Authority;**

19 “**(d) The Director of Human Services;**

20 “**(e) The Chief Education Officer;**

21 “**(f) The chairperson of the State Workforce Investment Board;**

22 “**(g) A person appointed by the Governor representing a county solutions program;**

23 “**(h) A person appointed by the Governor representing a regional solutions program;**

24 “**(i) A person appointed by the Governor representing the Ford Family Foundation;**

25 “**(j) A person appointed by the Governor representing the Oregon Community Founda-
26 tion;**

27 “**(k) A person appointed by the Governor representing the Oregon Business Council;**

28 “**(L) A person appointed by the Governor representing the United States Department of
29 Agriculture;**

30 “**(m) A person appointed by the Governor representing the United States Department of
31 Housing and Urban Development;**

32 “**(n) Four persons appointed by the Governor representing communities of concentrated
33 poverty;**

34 “**(o) One person appointed by the Governor representing a nonprofit organization that
35 supports racial minority communities in this state; and**

1 “(p) One person appointed by the Governor representing a nonprofit organization that
2 provides services to Native American communities.

3 “(3) The Governor, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Director of the Oregon
4 Health Authority, the Director of Human Services, the Chief Education Officer and the
5 chairperson of the State Workforce Investment Board are ex officio members of the com-
6 mission and have the same powers as appointed members.

7 “(4) The term of office of each appointed member of the commission is four years, but
8 a member serves at the pleasure of the Governor. Terms commence on July 1. Before the
9 expiration of the term of a member, the Governor shall appoint a successor. A member is
10 eligible for reappointment. If there is a vacancy for any cause, the Governor shall make an
11 appointment to become immediately effective for the unexpired term.

12 “(5) The appointment of each member of the commission is subject to confirmation by
13 the Senate in the manner prescribed in ORS 171.562 and 171.565.

14 “(6) An appointed member of the commission is entitled to compensation and expenses
15 as provided in ORS 292.495.

16 “(7) The appointed members of the commission must be residents of this state who are
17 well informed on the causes and effects of poverty in this state.

18 “(8) The Office of the Governor shall provide staff and administrative support to the
19 commission.

20 “SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the term of office specified by section 1 of this 2017 Act,
21 of the members first appointed to the Oregon Opportunity Commission:

22 “(1) Three shall serve for a term ending June 30, 2018.

23 “(2) Three shall serve for a term ending June 30, 2019.

24 “(3) Three shall serve for a term ending June 30, 2020.

25 “(4) Four shall serve for a term ending June 30, 2021.

26 “SECTION 3. (1) The Oregon Opportunity Fund is established in the State Treasury,
27 separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Oregon Opportunity
28 Fund shall be credited to the fund.

29 “(2) Moneys in the Oregon Opportunity Fund shall consist of:

30 “(a) Moneys deposited pursuant to this section;

31 “(b) Amounts donated to the fund;

32 “(c) Amounts appropriated or otherwise transferred to the fund by the Legislative As-
33 ssembly;

34 “(d) Investment earnings received on moneys in the fund; and

35 “(e) Other amounts deposited in the fund from any source.

36 “(3) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Opportunity Com-
37 mission for the purposes described in sections 1 to 8 of this 2017 Act.

38 “(4) The commission may establish accounts and subaccounts within the fund when the
39 commission determines that accounts or subaccounts are necessary or desirable, and may
40 credit any interest or income derived from moneys in the fund to any account or subaccount
41 in the fund.

42 “(5) The commission may use moneys in the fund to pay the staffing expenses of the
43 commission and the administrative costs associated with the fund and with making grants,
44 loans and other distributions of moneys from the fund.

45 “SECTION 4. (1) The Oregon Opportunity Commission may make grants and loans from

1 the Oregon Opportunity Fund to support local communities that have submitted a commu-
2 nity driven plan to address poverty in that community. The commission shall adopt rules
3 setting criteria for the awarding and uses of grants and loans under this section.

4 “(2) The commission shall:

5 “(a) Administer the fund to assist local communities to reduce concentrated poverty, in
6 accordance with the criteria set by the commission by rule;

7 “(b) Develop a community self-assessment tool to measure a community’s current ca-
8 pacity to address concentrated poverty in that community;

9 “(c) Develop approaches to make the awarding and uses of moneys to reduce concen-
10 trated poverty more flexible and coordinated;

11 “(d) Establish a simple process for communities to apply for moneys from the fund and
12 provide assistance with the application process;

13 “(e) Identify and advocate for revisions to laws and rules that hinder or are not useful
14 to communities working to reduce concentrated poverty and enhance economic and social
15 opportunities; and

16 “(f) Identify incentives for public and private sector collaboration that will leverage
17 available resources to assist the communities in reducing concentrated poverty.

18 “**SECTION 5.** (1) The Governor shall serve as chairperson of the Oregon Opportunity
19 Commission. The commission shall select one of its members as vice chairperson, for a term
20 and with duties and powers necessary for the performance of the functions of that office as
21 the commission determines.

22 “(2) A majority of the members of the commission constitutes a quorum for the trans-
23 action of business.

24 “(3) The commission shall meet at least once every six months at a time and place de-
25 termined by the Governor. The commission also may meet at other times and places speci-
26 fied by the call of the chairperson or of a majority of all of the members of the commission.

27 “**SECTION 6.** (1) The Oregon Opportunity Commission shall appoint a director, who shall
28 serve at the pleasure of the commission.

29 “(2) The appointment of the director must be by written order filed with the Secretary
30 of State.

31 “(3) Subject to any applicable provisions of ORS chapter 240, the director shall employ
32 all subordinate officers and employees of the commission, prescribe their duties and fix their
33 compensation.

34 “**SECTION 7.** In accordance with applicable provisions of ORS chapter 183, the Oregon
35 Opportunity Commission may adopt rules necessary for the administration of the laws and
36 rules that the commission is charged with administering.

37 “**SECTION 8.** The Oregon Opportunity Commission, the director of the commission and
38 authorized representatives of the commission may administer oaths, take depositions and
39 issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents or
40 other written information necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 1 to 8 of this 2017
41 Act. If any person fails to comply with a subpoena issued under this section or refuses to
42 testify on matters on which the person lawfully may be interrogated, the procedure set out
43 in ORS 183.440 shall be followed to compel obedience.

44 “**SECTION 9.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-
45 priated to the Oregon Opportunity Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, out

1 of the General Fund, the amount of \$____, to be deposited in the Oregon Opportunity Fund
2 established in section 3 of this 2017 Act.

3 **“SECTION 10. (1) Sections 1 to 8 of this 2017 Act become operative January 1, 2018.**

4 **“(2) The Governor may take any action before January 1, 2018, that is necessary to ena-**
5 **ble the Governor, on or after January 1, 2018, to exercise the duties, functions and powers**
6 **conferred on the Governor by sections 1 to 8 of this 2017 Act.**

7 **“SECTION 11. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
8 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect**
9 **on its passage.”.**

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