

SB 5512

Housing and Community Services Department

SB 5512 is the budget bill for the Housing and Community Services Department. The recommended budget totals \$1.7 billion and 210 positions (205.91 FTE). Of this amount, \$1.2 billion is related to issuance costs, refinancing and debt service of certain bond indentures, loan purchase and repayment, and pass-through payments of federal rent subsidies.

The recommended budget includes Other Funds support for additional staffing resources to ensure effective oversight and delivery of the agency's housing stabilization, single-family, and multi-family divisions. Additional staffing will maintain accountability and accuracy in management, analysis, underwriting, and policy development for the dollars being invested in the agency. Additional staffing resources in the agency's Central Services division will support overall agency functions, including financial analysis, human resources, contracting, accounting, and executive support. The recommended budget creates a new single-family home ownership down payment assistance product financed entirely with Other Funds investment and fee for service revenue. Management and coordination of efforts related to distressed manufactured housing and targeted home improvements for vulnerable residents are also supported by Other Funds.

General Fund investments in this budget include a combined total of \$40 million of state operating funding for the Emergency Housing Assistance program and the State Homeless Assistance Program, along with one-time enhancements of \$5 million for EHA and \$5 million for competitive shelter projects in the 2019-21 biennium. A 2019-21 investment of \$5 million General Fund is included for a Greater Oregon Housing

Accelerator to incent development of housing outside the I-5 corridor. Also recommended is \$1.5 million in one-time General Fund support for home ownership counseling services.

This agency's budget was heard in the Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee, and budget recommendations were made by that Subcommittee. But due to issues with amending the budget bill, it was the Capital Construction Subcommittee that took the action that brings SB 5512 to us for consideration today.

The Capital Construction Subcommittee recommends SB 5512 be amended by the -5 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.