

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2055

By COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 6 through 29 and insert:

2 **“SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:**

3 **“(a) ‘Development constrained area’ means an area where permitting of housing is con-**
4 **strained based upon criteria specified by the Housing and Community Services Department,**
5 **including community size, the pace of economic development compared with housing growth**
6 **and available data regarding average commute times and distances, housing needs analysis,**
7 **buildable land inventory and building permits.**

8 **“(b) ‘Eligible recipient’ means a city, federally recognized Indian tribe located in Oregon,**
9 **a housing authority, a private developer, a nonprofit organization, an employer or an owner**
10 **of a proposed housing development.**

11 **“(c) ‘Workforce housing’ means housing for low or moderate income households that**
12 **supports economic development or job creation or preservation by meeting locally identified**
13 **housing needs.**

14 **“(2) There is established the Greater Oregon Housing Accelerator Program in the Hous-**
15 **ing and Community Services Department.**

16 **“(3) Through the program, the department may provide grants or loans to eligible recip-**
17 **ients to support proposals for workforce housing in development constrained areas through**
18 **the acquisition of land, the construction, rehabilitation, demolition or removal of structures**
19 **or the financing, refinancing or debt servicing of land, construction or infrastructure. Grants**
20 **and loans under this subsection may not support proposals unless:**

21 **“(a) The eligible recipient has identified available financial or in-kind resources other**
22 **than from state funds that will reduce the project’s need for state resources.**

23 **“(b) The proposal will provide:**

24 **“(A) Rental housing projects that will be maintained as affordable for low or moderate**
25 **income households for no less than five years; or**

26 **“(B) Homeownership projects that will be made available for purchase by households with**
27 **low or moderate incomes.**

28 **“(4) Through the program, the department may provide technical assistance or grants**
29 **for technical assistance to eligible recipients for the purpose of developing workforce housing**
30 **development proposals.**

31 **“(5) The department may not spend within any biennium more than 20 percent of the**
32 **program funds on the purposes described in subsection (4) of this section.**

33 **“(6) The department shall adopt rules necessary to carry out the provisions of this sec-**
34 **tion and to best leverage program resources to address the shortage of workforce housing,**
35 **including rules establishing eligibility requirements for applicants, certification requirements**

1 **for eligible recipients and any necessary forms and procedures.”.**
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