HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 2055  
By COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING  
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On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 6 through 29 and insert:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) The proposal will provide:

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

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

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

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

(6) The department shall adopt rules necessary to carry out the provisions of this sec-
tion and to best leverage program resources to address the shortage of workforce housing,
including rules establishing eligibility requirements for applicants, certification requirements
for eligible recipients and any necessary forms and procedures.”.