House Bill 2228

Sponsored by Representatives GOMBERG, SMITH DB, Senators ROBLAN, HANSELL; Representatives EVANS, KENY-GUYER, Senator MANNING JR (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Establishes Local Government Technical Assistance Program within Housing and Community Services Department. Requires program to provide assistance to League of Oregon Cities and Association of Oregon Counties to develop regional housing and development staff to assist cities and counties in providing needed housing.

Appropriates funds for program to department.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to housing technical assistance for local governments.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) There is established the Local Government Technical Assistance Program in the Housing and Community Services Department.

(2) Through the program, the Housing and Community Services Department, working with the Land Conservation and Development Commission, local public housing authorities and local governments, shall provide technical and financial assistance to the League of Oregon Cities and the Association of Oregon Counties to establish regional housing and community development staff throughout the state that will provide technical assistance and discrete services to cities and counties to provide needed housing, including assistance in:

(a) Working with the Department of Land Conservation and Development to conduct housing needs analysis;
(b) Preparing buildable lands analyses for cities and counties;
(c) Conducting financial analysis for community housing incentive programs;
(d) Conducting project feasibility analysis in conjunction with the Housing and Community Services Department;
(e) Preparing comprehensive plan amendments to accommodate needed housing;
(f) Preparing zoning ordinance changes to accommodate needed housing;
(g) Identifying and addressing community infrastructure needs to accommodate housing;
(h) Identifying and addressing community barriers to needed housing;
(i) Coordinating with social service and public safety system partners necessary for successful housing projects;
(j) Coordinating with employers to leverage resources to accomplish housing projects;
(k) Supporting community leaders in convening and developing action plans with multiple stakeholders from the private, public and civic sectors to undertake housing projects;
(L) Coordinating and leveraging efforts with local community development partners to plan, finance and build more housing; and

(m) Conducting affordable housing predevelopment activities, including surveying, archi-

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tectural and engineering activities, through a public housing authority or a community de-
velopment corporation.

SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
ated to the Housing and Community Services Department, for the biennium beginning July
1, 2019, out of the General Fund, the amount of $__________ for the administration and
operations of the Local Government Technical Assistance Program established under section
1 of this 2019 Act.

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