House Bill 2586

Sponsored by Representative MEEK (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.**

Requires Housing and Community Services Department to provide grants to nonprofit organizations for providing housing services to low income people undergoing treatment for HIV. Appropriates moneys to department for grants.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

- Relating to housing for people engaged in HIV case management services.
 - Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
 - <u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) The Housing and Community Services Department shall provide grants to one or more nonprofit organizations for the purpose of providing housing services to low income individuals who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless and are engaged in ongoing HIV case management services.
 - (2) A nonprofit organization eligible for grants under this section shall:
 - (a) Provide services including direct assistance to cover, on an emergency basis, housing application fees, rental deposits, rent, utility payments, mortgage payments, property taxes or other property-related costs or debts, and provide housing information, resources and referrals to other resource providers;
 - (b) Have no fewer than 15 years of experience providing health care, employment and housing assistance for individuals undergoing HIV case management services;
 - (c) Demonstrate to the satisfaction of the department the ability to provide the services; and
 - (d) Deliver reports to the department no less than semi-annually showing the use of funds received under this section and the services provided by those funds.
 - (3) Grants made by the department under this section shall be paid to eligible nonprofit organizations no more frequently than quarterly. The first payment made under this section shall be made no later than March 30, 2020. Eligible organizations who have received a prior grant are not required to reapply for subsequent grants unless required by the department.
 - (4) No later than September 15, 2021, the department shall provide a report to the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided under ORS 192.245 on the expenses of and services provided through grants made under this section.
 - SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Housing and Community Services Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$1,500,000, for administering and funding grants under section 1 of this 2019 Act.

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