

Requested by Representative KENY-GUYER

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2055**

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 permit-**
4 **ting of housing is constrained based upon criteria specified by the**
5 **Housing and Community Services Department, including community**
6 **size, the pace of economic development compared with housing growth**
7 **and available data regarding average commute times and distances,**
8 **housing needs analysis, buildable land inventory and building permits.**

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

13 **“(c) ‘Workforce housing’ means housing for low or moderate in-**
14 **come households that supports economic development or job creation**
15 **or preservation by meeting locally identified housing needs.**

16 **“(2) There is established the Greater Oregon Housing Accelerator**
17 **Program in the Housing and Community Services Department.**

18 **“(3) Through the program, the department may provide grants or**
19 **loans to eligible recipients to support proposals for workforce housing**
20 **in development constrained areas through the acquisition of land, the**
21 **construction, rehabilitation, demolition or removal of structures or**

1 the financing, refinancing or debt servicing of land, construction or
2 infrastructure. Grants and loans under this subsection may not sup-
3 port proposals unless:

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

7 “(b) The proposal will provide:

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

10 “(B) Homeownership projects that will be made available for pur-
11 chase by households with low or moderate incomes.

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

15 “(5) The department may not spend within any biennium more than
16 20 percent of the program funds on the purposes described in sub-
17 section (4) of this section.

18 “(6) The department shall adopt rules necessary to carry out the
19 provisions of this section and to best leverage program resources to
20 address the shortage of workforce housing, including rules establish-
21 ing eligibility requirements for applicants, certification requirements
22 for eligible recipients and any necessary forms and procedures.”.

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