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To: Education Subcommittee

From: Meg Bushman Reinhold, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: February 20, 2020

Subject: HB 4002 – Relating to housing

Work Session Recommendations

This bill directs the Homelessness Research and Action Collaborative at Portland State University (PSU) to conduct a study on the costs and benefits, and policy choices of providing long-term rental assistance to Oregonians who are experiencing severe rent burden, homelessness or are at risk of homelessness. The study must explore various administrative and policy design choices and estimate the costs of providing long-term rental assistance across different geographic regions and serving different populations.

The bill also includes specific considerations to be included in the study, such as administrative program design, the need for nonrental assistance funds and long-term rental assistance programs administered by other states. PSU is directed to report its findings to the Legislature no later than December 1, 2020.

The bill appropriates \$250,000 General Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for distribution to Portland State University to conduct the study.

The -A3 amendment is technical. It specifies the account at HECC into which the appropriation is to be directed.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the -A3 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the -A3 amendment to HB 4002. (VOTE)

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 4002, as amended by the -A3 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move HB 4002, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)

Full Committee:	
House Floor:	
Senate Floor:	

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