

# Senate Bill 1533

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## 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**.

Authorizes Housing and Community Services Department to provide grants and technical assistance to organizations assisting tenants in eviction proceedings.

Requires department to report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly on expenditures and services before September 15 of each year.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to residential tenancies.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 3 of this 2020 Act are added to and made a part of ORS**  
5 **chapter 456.**

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

7 (a) "Eligible tenant" means a tenant, as defined in ORS 90.100, in a household with an  
8 income no greater than 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.

9 (b) "Eviction proceeding" means a proceeding to terminate the residential tenancy of an  
10 eligible tenant under ORS 105.105 to 105.168.

11 (c) "Legal service provider" means a legal service provider determined eligible for funding  
12 from the Legal Services Program established under ORS 9.572 that provides tenants with  
13 legal assistance in eviction proceedings.

14 (d) "Tenant organization" means a legal service provider or a nonprofit organization or-  
15 ganized under ORS chapter 65 with the capacity to conduct outreach, engagement and edu-  
16 cation to eligible tenants regarding legal rights.

17 (2) The Housing and Community Services Department shall provide grants and technical  
18 assistance to tenant organizations for the purpose of providing to eligible tenants:

19 (a) Legal representation in an eviction proceeding from a legal service provider as early  
20 as feasible within the eviction proceeding; and

21 (b) Educational resources regarding eligible tenants' legal rights within an eviction pro-  
22 ceeding and other resources to assist in avoiding eviction.

23 (3) The department, in consultation with the Oregon Housing Stability Council, shall de-  
24 termine by rule eligibility and priorities for funding under this section.

25 **SECTION 3. Before September 15 of each year, the Housing and Community Services**  
26 **Department shall submit a written report to an interim committee of the Legislative As-**  
27 **sembly detailing the grants and assistance given under section 2 of this 2020 Act, including**  
28 **the number of tenants engaged, the types of legal representation and other services provided**  
29 **and a summary of outcomes.**

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