

Requested by Representative KENY-GUYER

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 4039**

1 Delete lines 4 through 10 of the printed bill and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. Statewide assessment. (1) As used in this section,**  
3 **‘unaccompanied homeless youth’ means a person who is at least 12**  
4 **years of age but not more than 24 years of age, who is not in the**  
5 **physical custody of a parent or legal guardian and who is homeless.**

6 **“(2) The Department of Human Services shall conduct a statewide**  
7 **assessment of the needs of and the continuum of services for unac-**  
8 **companied homeless youth in Oregon. The assessment must deter-**  
9 **mine:**

10 **“(a) Demographic information about unaccompanied homeless**  
11 **youth in this state, including age, race, primary language, gender,**  
12 **school enrollment status and types of homelessness experienced.**

13 **“(b) To the extent possible, other demographic information about**  
14 **unaccompanied homeless youth in this state, including disability,**  
15 **school grade level, length of homelessness and reasons for**  
16 **homelessness.**

17 **“(c) The average numbers of beds needed for unaccompanied**  
18 **homeless youth, the types of housing available and the durations of**  
19 **stay required.**

20 **“(d) Other services that are needed and available, including but not**  
21 **limited to culturally specific programming, mental health treatment,**

1 addiction treatment, academic support and job training.

2 “(e) To the extent possible, the capacity of community action  
3 agencies, emergency housing assistance programs, state homeless as-  
4 sistance programs, shelters, host home programs, other housing pro-  
5 grams and resources available through the McKinney-Vento Homeless  
6 Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 11301 et seq., to serve the unaccompanied  
7 homeless youth population.

8 “(f) The existing partnerships and coordination between the De-  
9 partment of Human Services and other organizations, including but  
10 not limited to the Housing and Community Services Department, the  
11 Oregon Youth Authority, the Department of Education, school dis-  
12 tricts and nonprofit organizations serving unaccompanied homeless  
13 youth and youth at risk of becoming homeless.

14 “(3)(a) In addition to any other scholarships or grants, the Depart-  
15 ment of Human Services may award one-year grants in the amount  
16 of no more than \$10,000 per grant to organizations that provide ser-  
17 vices to unaccompanied homeless youth to assist with the assessment  
18 required by this section.

19 “(b) An organization is eligible to apply for a grant under this sub-  
20 section if the organization has an existing contract with the depart-  
21 ment to provide services to unaccompanied homeless youth.

22 “(c) The department may adopt rules to administer the grant pro-  
23 gram described in this subsection.

24 “(4)(a) The department shall provide a preliminary report on the  
25 results of the assessment to an appropriate committee or interim  
26 committee of the Legislative Assembly no later than December 1, 2020.

27 “(b) The department shall provide a final report on the results of  
28 the assessment to an appropriate committee or interim committee of  
29 the Legislative Assembly no later than March 1, 2021.

30 “SECTION 2. Unaccompanied homeless youth services enhancement

1 **grant program. (1) As used in this section, ‘unaccompanied homeless**  
2 **youth’ means a person who is at least 14 years of age but not more**  
3 **than 24 years of age, who is not in the physical custody of a parent**  
4 **or legal guardian and who is homeless.**

5 **“(2) In addition to any other scholarships or grants, the Department**  
6 **of Human Services may award one-year grants to organizations that**  
7 **provide services to unaccompanied homeless youth.**

8 **“(3) An organization is eligible to apply for a grant under this sec-**  
9 **tion if the organization has an existing grant with the department to**  
10 **provide services to unaccompanied homeless youth.**

11 **“(4) Grants awarded under this section may be used:**

12 **“(a) To increase the accessibility of the following programs and**  
13 **services to unaccompanied homeless youth:**

14 **“(A) Shelter facilities;**

15 **“(B) Outreach;**

16 **“(C) Culturally specific services; and**

17 **“(D) Mental health or substance abuse services; and**

18 **“(b) To create or strengthen partnerships with host home programs**  
19 **and other transitional housing options.**

20 **“(5) The department may adopt rules to administer the grant pro-**  
21 **gram described in this section.**

22 **“SECTION 3. Host home projects. (1) As used in this section:**

23 **“(a) ‘Host home project’ means a project that facilitates an ar-**  
24 **rangement under which an unaccompanied homeless youth resides in**  
25 **the home of a private individual, pursuant to the terms of a contract**  
26 **between the private individual and the youth, for free or at below-**  
27 **market rent.**

28 **“(b) ‘Long-term host home project’ means a host home project run**  
29 **by an organization that has a memorandum of understanding or a**  
30 **letter of agreement with one or more school districts and in which**

1 unaccompanied homeless youth participants, on average during the  
2 most recent two years, resided in host homes for a minimum of 180  
3 days, as reported by the relevant school district.

4 “(c) ‘Short-term host home project’ means a host home project in  
5 which unaccompanied homeless youth participants, on average during  
6 the most recent two years, resided in host homes for a maximum of  
7 180 days, as reported by the relevant school district.

8 “(d) ‘Unaccompanied homeless youth’ means a person who is:

9 “(A) At least 16 years of age but not more than 21 years of age;

10 “(B) Not in the physical custody of a parent or legal guardian;

11 “(C) Not in the custody of the Department of Human Services;

12 “(D) Not a ward of the state; and

13 “(E) Homeless.

14 “(2) In addition to and not in lieu of any other scholarships or  
15 grants, the department may award one-year grants to organizations  
16 that operate host home projects for unaccompanied homeless youth.

17 “(3) An organization is eligible to apply for a grant under this sec-  
18 tion if the organization operated a host home project on January 1,  
19 2020, and can demonstrate the ability to:

20 “(a) Expand host home projects in communities in which the or-  
21 ganization provides services;

22 “(b) Establish new long-term host home projects in communities  
23 that do not have long-term host home projects; or

24 “(c) Establish new short-term host home projects.

25 “(4) Recipients of grants awarded under this section shall work to  
26 achieve the following outcomes for unaccompanied homeless youth:

27 “(a) Improved school attendance.

28 “(b) Participation in formal or informal mentoring.

29 “(c) Increased access to nutrition, health care, mental trauma-  
30 informed support and transportation services.

1       “(5) A recipient of a grant awarded under this section shall ensure  
2 all individuals of 18 years of age or older residing in the host home  
3 who are not the unaccompanied homeless youth have an approved  
4 background check under ORS 181A.200 and 409.027, for new residents  
5 of host homes during the grant period.

6       “(6) A host home is not a child-caring agency as defined in ORS  
7 418.205.

8       “(7) The department may adopt rules to administer the grant pro-  
9 gram described in this section.

10       “SECTION 4. Report. The Department of Human Services shall re-  
11 port on the host home projects established under section 3 of this 2020  
12 Act to committees or interim committees of the Legislative Assembly  
13 relating to housing, homeless youth services and high school educa-  
14 tion no later than September 15, 2021. The report must include infor-  
15 mation about the effectiveness of the projects, including:

16       “(1) A description of the process used to identify and reach out to  
17 unaccompanied homeless youth;

18       “(2) Assessment data and other indicators to determine how well  
19 the housing, health and academic needs of unaccompanied homeless  
20 youth are being met;

21       “(3) Demographic information about youth served or assessed for  
22 program participation;

23       “(4) The academic progress of students participating in host home  
24 projects; and

25       “(5) Assessment by the youth, host families and partner govern-  
26 ment and nonprofit entities about their experience in the host home  
27 projects.

28       “SECTION 5. Appropriations. (1) In addition to and not in lieu of  
29 any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Department of  
30 Human Services, for the biennium ending June 30, 2021, out of the

1 General Fund, the amount of \$230,000, to conduct the statewide as-  
2 sessment required under section 1 of this 2020 Act.

3 “(2) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there  
4 is appropriated to the Department of Human Services, for the  
5 biennium ending June 30, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount  
6 of \$70,000, to provide grants to organizations that provide services to  
7 unaccompanied homeless youth to assist with the statewide assess-  
8 ment required under section 1 of this 2020 Act.

9 “(3) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there  
10 is appropriated to the Department of Human Services, for the  
11 biennium ending June 30, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount  
12 of \$1,000,000, to provide the unaccompanied homeless youth services  
13 enhancement grants described in section 2 of this 2020 Act.

14 “(4) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there  
15 is appropriated to the Department of Human Services, for the  
16 biennium ending June 30, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount  
17 of \$1,200,000, to provide the host home project grants described in  
18 section 3 of this 2020 Act.

19 “SECTION 6. Sunset dates. (1) Sections 2 and 3 of this 2020 Act are  
20 repealed on July 1, 2021.

21 “(2) Section 1 of this 2020 Act is repealed on January 1, 2022.

22 “SECTION 7. Captions. The section captions used in this 2020 Act  
23 are provided only for the convenience of the reader and do not become  
24 part of the statutory law of this state or express any legislative intent  
25 in the enactment of this 2020 Act.

26 “SECTION 8. Emergency clause. This 2020 Act being necessary for  
27 the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an  
28 emergency is declared to exist, and this 2020 Act takes effect on its  
29 passage.”.

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