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Requested by HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING (at the request of Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer)

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 4002

- On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 29 and insert:
- "SECTION 1. (1) The Portland State University Homelessness Re-
- 3 search and Action Collaborative, housed within the Toulan School of
- 4 Urban Studies and Planning, shall conduct a study on the costs and
- 5 benefits and policy choices of providing long-term rental assistance to
- 6 Oregonians who are experiencing severe rent burden or homelessness
- 7 or are at risk of homelessness.
- 8 "(2) The study must include:

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- 9 "(a) Exploration of various administrative and policy design choices 10 related to long-term rental assistance.
- "(b) Estimates of costs of providing long-term rental assistance across different geographic regions and serving different populations, including households with:
- 14 "(A) Children five years of age or younger;
- 15 "(B) Children at least six years of age and not older than 17 years 16 of age;
 - "(C) Unaccompanied homeless youths, as defined in ORS 343.035;
- 18 "(D) Wards who have aged out of permanent foster care, shelter 19 care or substitute care, as those terms are defined in ORS 419A.004;
- "(E) Individuals who have been victims of domestic violence, as defined in ORS 135.230, 181A.355 or 411.117, or who are at risk of do-

- 1 mestic violence;
- 2 "(F) Individuals who are at least 58 years of age;
- 3 "(G) Persons with disabilities;
- 4 "(H) Persons of color;
- 5 "(I) Veterans;

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- 6 "(J) Incomes below 30 percent of area median income, as defined in 7 ORS 458.610; or
- 8 "(K) Incomes between 30 percent and 50 percent of area median in-9 comes as defined in ORS 458.610.
- 10 "(c) A review of best practices, including those used in local, state 11 and federal long-term rental assistance programs.
- "(d) A literature review of existing research regarding the outcomes of rental assistance on populations experiencing severe rent burden, including educational and health benefits.
 - "(3) The study must consider:
- "(a) Administrative program design and delivery to end users, including various design and delivery models and rent payment standards and caps;
- 19 "(b) The implications of long-term rental assistance that is 20 project-based, tenant-based or a combination of both;
- "(c) The need for nonrental assistance funds, including moving costs, security deposits, back utility bills and other funds; and
- 23 "(d) Long-term rental assistance programs administered by other 24 states.
- 25 "(4) In conducting the study, the university must consult with or-26 ganizations that support tenants accessing long-term rental assistance 27 and with urban and rural local housing authorities as defined in ORS 28 456.375.
- 29 "(5) The study must consider disparate impacts on communities of color, immigrant and refugee communities and persons identifying as

- lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and other minority gender identities and sexual orientations.
 - "(6) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the university in conducting the study, and to the extent permitted by laws related to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice necessary for the university to complete its study.
 - "(7) No later than December 1, 2020, the university shall provide a report on the findings of the study to an appropriate interim committee of the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided under ORS 192.245.

"SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for distribution to Portland State University, for the biennium ending June 30, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$250,000, to conduct the study required under section 1 of this 2020 Act.".