

Requested by Representative HELT

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 4212**

1 On page 23 of the printed bill, after line 1, insert:

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3 **“UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH**

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5 **“SECTION 44. (1) As used in this section, ‘unaccompanied homeless**
6 **youth’ means a person who is at least 12 years of age but not more**
7 **than 24 years of age, who is not in the physical custody of a parent**
8 **or legal guardian and who is homeless.**

9 **“(2) The Department of Human Services shall conduct a statewide**
10 **assessment of the COVID-19 pandemic on the needs of and the**
11 **continuum of services for unaccompanied homeless youth in Oregon.**
12 **The assessment must determine:**

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

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

20 **“(c) The average numbers of beds needed for unaccompanied**
21 **homeless youth, the types of housing available and the durations of**

1 stay required.

2 “(d) Other services that are needed and available, including but not
3 limited to culturally specific programming, mental health treatment,
4 addiction treatment, academic support and job training.

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 “(b) The department shall provide a final report on the results of

1 the assessment to an appropriate committee or interim committee of
2 the Legislative Assembly no later than March 1, 2021.

3 **“SECTION 45. (1) As used in this section, ‘unaccompanied homeless**
4 **youth’ means a person who is at least 14 years of age but not more**
5 **than 24 years of age, who is not in the physical custody of a parent**
6 **or legal guardian and who is homeless.**

7 **“(2) In addition to any other scholarships or grants, the Department**
8 **of Human Services may award one-year grants to organizations that**
9 **provide services to unaccompanied homeless youth during the**
10 **COVID-19 pandemic.**

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

14 **“(4) Grants awarded under this section may be used to increase the**
15 **accessibility during the COVID-19 pandemic of the following programs**
16 **and services to unaccompanied homeless youth:**

17 **“(a) Shelter facilities;**

18 **“(b) Outreach;**

19 **“(c) Culturally specific services;**

20 **“(d) Mental health or substance abuse services;**

21 **“(e) Housing options; and**

22 **“(f) Increased awareness of and strategies to prevent exposure to**
23 **COVID-19.**

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

26 **“SECTION 46. (1) As used in this section:**

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

1 market rent.

2 “(b) ‘Long-term host home project’ means a host home project run
3 by an organization that has a memorandum of understanding or a
4 letter of agreement with one or more school districts and in which
5 unaccompanied homeless youth participants, on average during the
6 most recent two years, resided in host homes for a minimum of 180
7 days, as reported by the relevant school district.

8 “(c) ‘Short-term host home project’ means a host home project in
9 which unaccompanied homeless youth participants, on average during
10 the most recent two years, resided in host homes for a maximum of
11 180 days, as reported by the relevant school district.

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

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

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

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

16 “(D) Not a ward of the state; and

17 “(E) Homeless.

18 “(2) In addition to and not in lieu of any other scholarships or
19 grants, the department may award one-year grants to organizations
20 that operate host home projects for unaccompanied homeless youth
21 during the COVID-19 pandemic.

22 “(3) An organization is eligible to apply for a grant under this sec-
23 tion if the organization operated a host home project on January 1,
24 2020, and can demonstrate the ability to do one or more of the fol-
25 lowing during the COVID-19 pandemic:

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

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

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

1 **“(4) Recipients of grants awarded under this section shall work to**
2 **achieve the following outcomes for unaccompanied homeless youth**
3 **during the COVID-19 pandemic:**

4 **“(a) Improved school attendance.**

5 **“(b) Participation in formal or informal mentoring.**

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

8 **“(d) Increased ability to comply with recommended social distanc-**
9 **ing.**

10 **“(5) A recipient of a grant awarded under this section shall ensure**
11 **all individuals of 18 years of age or older residing in the host home**
12 **who are not the unaccompanied homeless youth have an approved**
13 **background check under ORS 181A.200 and 409.027.**

14 **“(6) A host home is not a child-caring agency as defined in ORS**
15 **418.205.**

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

18 **“SECTION 47. The Department of Human Services shall report on**
19 **the host home projects established under section 46 of this 2020 special**
20 **session Act to committees or interim committees of the Legislative**
21 **Assembly relating to housing, homeless youth services and high school**
22 **education no later than September 15, 2021. The report must include**
23 **information about the effectiveness of the projects, including:**

24 **“(1) A description of the process used to identify and reach out to**
25 **unaccompanied homeless youth;**

26 **“(2) Assessment data and other indicators to determine how well**
27 **the housing, health and academic needs of unaccompanied homeless**
28 **youth are being met;**

29 **“(3) Demographic information about youth served or assessed for**
30 **program participation;**

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

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

6 “SECTION 48. (1) In addition to and not in lieu of any other ap-
7 propriation, there is appropriated to the Department of Human Ser-
8 vices, for the biennium ending June 30, 2021, out of the General Fund,
9 the amount of \$230,000, to conduct the statewide assessment required
10 under section 44 of this 2020 special session Act.

11 “(2) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there
12 is appropriated to the Department of Human Services, for the
13 biennium ending June 30, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount
14 of \$70,000, to provide grants to organizations that provide services to
15 unaccompanied homeless youth to assist with the statewide assess-
16 ment required under section 44 of this 2020 special session Act.

17 “(3) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there
18 is appropriated to the Department of Human Services, for the
19 biennium ending June 30, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount
20 of \$1,000,000, to provide the unaccompanied homeless youth services
21 enhancement grants described in section 45 of this 2020 special session
22 Act.

23 “(4) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there
24 is appropriated to the Department of Human Services, for the
25 biennium ending June 30, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount
26 of \$1,200,000, to provide the host home project grants described in
27 section 46 of this 2020 special session Act.

28 “SECTION 49. (1) Sections 45 and 46 of this 2020 special session Act
29 are repealed on July 1, 2021.

30 “(2) Section 44 of this 2020 special session Act is repealed on Janu-

1 **ary 1, 2022.”.**

2 In line 5, delete “44” and insert “50”.

3 In line 11, delete “45” and insert “51”.

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