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To: Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee

From: Michelle Deister, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: June 7, 2021

Subject: HB 2100 – Relating to housing.
Work Session Recommendations

HB 2100 defines “culturally responsive organization,” “culturally responsive services,” and “culturally specific organization” as related to Housing Authorities Law. The measure requires the Housing and Community Services Department (HCSD) and the Oregon Housing Stability Council to consider advice on housing and community service programs from certain persons and entities. Federal funds for housing stabilization must, to the extent consistent with federal law, be allocated statewide in a manner proportionate to a needs-based and geographically based formula. The measure stipulates that 25% of the moneys deposited in the County Assessment and Taxation Fund are dedicated to the emergency housing assistance program for assistance to veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

In addition, the measure establishes the 19-member Task Force on Homelessness and Racial Disparities charged with identifying and investigating potential changes in Oregon’s funding structure to address racial disparities among people experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity. The measure authorizes the Task Force to consult experts, form subcommittees or advisory committees, conduct field investigations, hearings and other meetings, receive testimony in any form or format, request or require production of documents and other evidence. The Task Force is required to meet no less than monthly until January 31, 2022. HCSD is required to provide staff support to the Task Force. The measure specifies that HCSD must provide a third-party facilitator to assist the chairperson or cochairs with the facilitation of meetings and the operations of the Task Force. A member of the Task Force is not entitled to compensation, but in the discretion of HCSD may be reimbursed for travel and other expenses or provided a stipend. The measure requires the Task Force to submit a report to a committee of the Legislature by January 15, 2022. The Task Force sunsets on July 1, 2022. The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

The fiscal impact of this measure is anticipated to be minimal.

The measure previously had a hearing in the House Committee on Housing on 3/2/2021, 3/9/2021 and 4/13/2021, and was reported out with a do pass recommendation.

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 2100 be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____