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To: Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee

From: Michelle Deister, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: June 15, 2021

Subject: HB 2163 – Relating to rental assistance.
Work Session Recommendations

HB 2163 appropriates \$4,500,000 General Fund to the Housing and Community Services Department (HCSD) for deposit into the Long-Term Rent Assistance Fund. The measure establishes the Long-Term Rent Assistance Fund. Moneys in the Fund are continuously appropriated to HCSD to implement a long-term rental assistance program for individuals younger than 25 years of age who have recently been homeless, in substitute care, incarcerated or detained in a correctional or detention facility, or residing in a facility for mental health treatment. The measure directs HCSD to choose three or four regions in which to operate the program which must include at least one urban area, one rural, and one coastal area. HCSD is required to collect specified data on the program. The measure authorizes HCSD to contract this data collection to housing authorities, community action agencies, or community-based social service and housing providers. HCSD is required to report the Oregon Housing Stability Council by September 15, 2022 and again by September 15, 2023 on the outcome and data from the program.

HCSD estimates the administrative and operational costs of this program to be \$316,530 for the 2021-23 biennium. This amount reflects \$188,009 in personal services and \$128,521 related services and supplies for One Operations and Policy Analyst 2 position to administer the program. Services and supplies costs include Department of Justice and program evaluation expenses. The position is assumed to be permanent and the amount appropriated to for the program is assumed to continue.

The measure previously had a hearing in the House Committee on Housing on 2/23/2021, 2/25/2021 and 4/6/2021, and was reported out with a do pass recommendation.

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 2163 be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

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