

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 2163**

Ordered by the House April 7  
Including House Amendments dated April 7

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**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Establishes long-term rental assistance program in Housing and Community Services Department **operating in three to four regions**. Requires department to report on program to Oregon Housing Stability Council by [*December 31 of even years*] **September 15, 2022, and September 15, 2023**. Establishes [*Rental*] **Long-Term Rent Assistance Fund** to fund program.

**Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021.**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to rental assistance; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 3 of this 2021 Act are added to and made a part of ORS**  
5 **chapter 458.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) The Housing and Community Services Department shall implement a**  
7 **long-term rental assistance program that is available to individuals who are younger than**  
8 **25 years of age and who are, or have recently been:**

9 (a) **Homeless;**

10 (b) **In any substitute care program, as defined in ORS 326.575;**

11 (c) **Incarcerated or detained in a correctional facility or detention facility as defined in**  
12 **ORS 419A.004; or**

13 (d) **Residing in a facility for dependency treatment or rehabilitation or for mental health**  
14 **treatment.**

15 (2) **The department shall choose three or four regions in which to operate the program,**  
16 **which must include at least one urban area, one rural area and one coastal area.**

17 (3) **In designing the program, the department shall consult with:**

18 (a) **The Oregon Housing Stability Council;**

19 (b) **The Department of Human Services, including department staff operating programs**  
20 **or services for eligible foster children or former foster children and the department's advi-**  
21 **sory committee on runaway and homeless youth under ORS 417.799 (6);**

22 (c) **Housing authorities;**

23 (d) **Community-based social service providers serving the population of eligible recipients**  
24 **of the program;**

25 (e) **Culturally specific youth providers; and**

26 (f) **The Community Action Partnership of Oregon.**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1       **(4) The Housing and Community Services Department shall collect data on program**  
2 **participants receiving rental assistance, including:**

3       **(a) Demographic data, including race.**

4       **(b) Program subsidy amounts.**

5       **(c) Length of tenancies and instances of rehousing or homelessness.**

6       **(d) Types of housing, including roommates or family living situations.**

7       **(e) Access to, and utilization of, other support systems, including education, workforce**  
8 **training, health insurance and primary care providers.**

9       **(5) The department may contract with housing authorities, community action agencies**  
10 **or community-based social service and housing providers to deliver rental assistance and to**  
11 **collect and report data under the program.**

12       **SECTION 3. (1) There is established the Long-Term Rent Assistance Fund, separate and**  
13 **distinct from the General Fund.**

14       **(2) The Long-Term Rent Assistance Fund shall consist of moneys credited to the fund**  
15 **from moneys appropriated or transferred to the fund by the Legislative Assembly or received**  
16 **from the federal government or other grants, gifts or donations from any source.**

17       **(3) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Housing and Community**  
18 **Services Department to carry out the duties under section 2 of this 2021 Act.**

19       **SECTION 4. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**  
20 **ated to the Housing and Community Services Department, for the biennium beginning July**  
21 **1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$4,500,000, for deposit into the Long-Term**  
22 **Rent Assistance Fund under section 3 of this 2021 Act.**

23       **SECTION 5. The Housing and Community Services Department shall report to the**  
24 **Oregon Housing Stability Council on or before September 15, 2022, and on or before Septem-**  
25 **ber 15, 2023, on the outcome of and data from the program established under section 2 of this**  
26 **2021 Act.**

27       **SECTION 6. Section 5 of this 2021 Act is repealed on January 2, 2024.**

28       **SECTION 7. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
29 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect**  
30 **July 1, 2021.**

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