

House Bill 3184

Sponsored by Representative FAHEY

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 **as introduced**.

Requires Portland State University Homelessness Research and Action Collaborative to study long-term rent assistance and to report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2022.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to housing; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Portland State University Homelessness Research and Action**
5 **Collaborative, housed within the Toulan School of Urban Studies and Planning, shall conduct**
6 **a study on the costs and benefits and policy choices of providing long-term rental assistance**
7 **to Oregonians who are experiencing severe rent burden or homelessness or are at risk of**
8 **homelessness.**

9 **(2) The study must include:**

10 **(a) Exploration of various administrative and policy design choices and program models**
11 **related to long-term rental assistance.**

12 **(b) Estimates of costs of providing long-term rental assistance across different ge-**
13 **ographic 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 of age;**

16 **(C) Unaccompanied homeless youths, as defined in ORS 343.035;**

17 **(D) Wards who have aged out of permanent foster care, shelter care or substitute care,**
18 **as those terms are defined in ORS 419A.004;**

19 **(E) Individuals who have been victims of domestic violence, as defined in ORS 135.230,**
20 **181A.355 or 411.117, or who are at risk of domestic violence;**

21 **(F) Individuals who are at least 58 years of age;**

22 **(G) Persons with disabilities;**

23 **(H) Persons of color;**

24 **(I) Veterans;**

25 **(J) Incomes below 30 percent of area median income, as defined in ORS 458.610; or**

26 **(K) Incomes between 30 percent and 50 percent of area median income, as defined in ORS**
27 **458.610.**

28 **(c) A review of best practices, including those used in local, state and federal long-term**
29 **rental assistance programs and other program models.**

30 **(d) A literature review of existing research regarding the outcomes of rental assistance**

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 on populations experiencing severe rent burden, including educational and health benefits.

2 (3) The study must consider:

3 (a) Administrative program design and delivery to end users, including various design and
4 delivery models and rent payment standards and caps;

5 (b) The need for nonrental assistance funds, including for moving costs, security depos-
6 its, back utility bills and other costs; and

7 (c) Long-term rental assistance programs administered by other states.

8 (4) In conducting the study, the collaborative must consult with organizations that sup-
9 port tenants accessing long-term rental assistance and with urban and rural local housing
10 authorities, as defined in ORS 456.375.

11 (5) The study must consider disparate impacts on communities of color, immigrant and
12 refugee communities and persons identifying as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer
13 and other minority gender identities and sexual orientations.

14 (6) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the
15 collaborative in conducting the study, and to the extent permitted by laws related to
16 confidentiality, to furnish information and advice necessary for the collaborative to complete
17 its study.

18 (7) No later than September 15, 2022, the collaborative shall provide a report on the
19 findings of the study to an appropriate interim committee of the Legislative Assembly in the
20 manner provided under ORS 192.245.

21 **SECTION 2.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
22 ated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1,
23 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$250,000, for Portland State University to con-
24 duct the study required under section 1 of this 2021 Act.

25 **SECTION 3.** This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
26 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect
27 on its passage.