

House Bill 3260

Sponsored by Representatives GOMBERG, SMITH DB, MARSH, Senator HANSELL (at the request of Association of Oregon Counties)

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**.

Establishes Local Government Technical Assistance Program within Housing and Community Services Department. Requires department and Department of Land Conservation and Development to enter into intergovernmental agreement with League of Oregon Cities and Association of Oregon Counties to develop regional work plans to assist local governments in providing needed housing.

Appropriates funds for program to Housing and Community Services Department.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to housing technical assistance for local governments; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) There is established the Local Government Technical Assistance Program**
5 **in the Housing and Community Services Department.**

6 **(2) The Housing and Community Services Department and the Department of Land Con-**
7 **servation and Development shall enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Asso-**
8 **ciation of Oregon Counties and the League of Oregon Cities that includes:**

9 **(a) Implementation of the program;**

10 **(b) Appropriate oversight by the Housing and Community Services Department and the**
11 **Department of Land Conservation and Development;**

12 **(c) The roles and responsibilities related to development of a program work plan, ac-**
13 **countability for work progress and fiscal management;**

14 **(d) Coordination with the Regional Solutions Program;**

15 **(e) Coordination with the existing work of the Housing and Community Services Depart-**
16 **ment and the Department of Land Conservation and Development;**

17 **(f) Measurable goals, evaluation criteria and metrics; and**

18 **(g) Priorities for selecting projects and tasks.**

19 **(3) In operating the program the Housing and Community Services Department, the De-**
20 **partment of Land Conservation and Development, the Association of Oregon Counties and**
21 **the League of Oregon Cities shall develop a program work plan. The program work plan shall**
22 **guide the creation of regional work plans by the Association of Oregon Counties and the**
23 **League of Oregon Cities. Actions required by the regional work plans and performed by local**
24 **staff may include, but are not limited to:**

25 **(a) Advising and representing local governments in accessing and leveraging resources**
26 **such as grants for planning, infrastructure or development;**

27 **(b) Assisting local governments in implementing or updating local housing plans;**

28 **(c) Creating or evaluating and improving local housing incentive programs;**

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 (d) Marketing development opportunities to housing developers and housing authorities;

2 (e) Developing property-specific plans, infrastructure financing plans and local housing
3 strategic plans, for adoption by local governments;

4 (f) Facilitating relationships with developers, lenders, housing authorities and supportive
5 housing providers to increase awareness of opportunities to develop all types of housing;

6 (g) Conducting project feasibility analyses for development-ready sites;

7 (h) Creating resource materials for local governments in the region about best practices,
8 case studies and analyses related to housing incentives, barrier reduction and facilitation of
9 housing stakeholders;

10 (i) Supporting intentional, data-driven approaches to reduce racial disparity in housing
11 and social service provision and to achieve greater parity in housing stability, self-sufficiency
12 and homeownership for communities of color;

13 (j) Engaging culturally specific and culturally responsive organizations to ensure policies
14 are designed to advance equity and racial justice; and

15 (k) Engaging local stakeholders, including housing authorities, community development
16 corporations, nonprofit housing developers, employers, social service providers, developers,
17 community leaders, state agencies and the public, in removing barriers to housing planning
18 and development.

19 **SECTION 2.** (1) No later than May 10, 2022, the Housing and Community Services De-
20 partment and the Department of Land Conservation and Development shall report to the
21 Legislative Assembly or an appropriate interim committee of the Legislative Assembly in the
22 manner provided under ORS 192.245 on the interim work of the Local Government Technical
23 Assistance Program described in section 1 of this 2021 Act.

24 (2) No later than December 10, 2022, the Housing and Community Services Department
25 and the Department of Land Conservation and Development shall report to the Legislative
26 Assembly or an appropriate interim committee of the Legislative Assembly in the manner
27 provided under ORS 192.245 on the accomplishments of the Local Government Technical As-
28 sistance Program described in section 1 of this 2021 Act.

29 **SECTION 3.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
30 ated to the Housing and Community Services Department, for the biennium beginning July
31 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$2,500,000, for the costs of the department,
32 as well as the Department of Land Conservation and Development, the Association of Oregon
33 Counties and the League of Oregon Cities for their respective costs in administering and
34 operating the Local Government Technical Assistance Program established under section 1
35 of this 2021 Act.

36 **SECTION 4.** This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
37 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect
38 on its passage.

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