

Continuing Oregon's Commitment to Houseless Youth

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OREGON HAS THE

1st

HIGHEST RATE OF
YOUTH HOUSELESSNESS
IN THE U.S. ¹

IN OREGON

22,215

YOUTH EXPERIENCING
HOUSELESSNESS IN THE
2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR ²

BLACK YOUTH ARE

2.67x

MORE LIKELY THAN WHITE
YOUTH TO EXPERIENCE
HOUSELESSNESS ³



55% GRADUATION RATE
FOR HOUSELESS YOUTH
IN THE CLASS OF 2019 ⁴

EXPAND SERVICES FOR HOUSELESS YOUTH

- 5 grants to provide evidence-based, culturally specific, and trauma-informed services to school-aged houseless youth
- Expand services into communities where they are lacking or severely constrained



EXTEND ELIGIBILITY FOR FOSTER YOUTH SERVICES

- Young adults who experience homelessness without family and community support face the same challenges as young adults within the foster system, but lack similar support systems
- This bill would allow houseless and formerly houseless youth to access the same housing and higher education supports as foster youth



RAPID REHOUSING TO ENSURE STUDENT SUCCESS

- Appropriates funding for the creation of an eviction prevention and rapid rehousing fund for students and their families currently or at risk of becoming houseless
- Based on a Portland Public Schools pilot program, which kept 114 students in stable housing at a cost of less than \$250 per student



¹ WalletHub; <https://bit.ly/30EbyCr>

² Oregon Department of Education; <https://bit.ly/3CosqKo>

³ National Network for Youth; <https://bit.ly/3wTCPwm>

⁴ Oregon Department of Education; <https://bit.ly/2Z15usc>

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