House Bill 2654

Sponsored by Representative BYNUM (at the request of Oregon Home Builders Association) (Presession filed.)

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 Housing Programs Advisory Council.
Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to housing; and prescribing an effective date.

Whereas the need for affordable and available housing is a priority for the Legislative Assembly; and
Whereas homeownership should be prioritized when allocating funding and adopting rules, laws or ordinances; and
Whereas all agencies should be focused on helping our citizens attain wealth and security through homeownership; and
Whereas housing policy in Oregon develops through the work of many different programs and agencies, including by the adoption of regulations, incentives and funding; and
Whereas a coordinated system of housing policy could help improve housing decisions, reduce duplication, identify best practices and improve quality, durability and availability of affordable housing; and
Whereas agency decisions should be coordinated, stakeholders involved in providing homeownership opportunities should be at the table and agencies should hear from important voices; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. (1) There is established a Housing Programs Advisory Council to advise and assist in the review, establishment and implementation of housing program policy by:
(a) Closely monitoring implementation of activities related to housing regulations, incentive programs, funding and best practices.
(b) Providing advice on potential changes to the activities in order to dramatically reduce the cost of housing and to increase the availability of housing in this state, especially workforce housing.
(c) Strengthening intergovernmental and multiparty collaboration and enhancing collaboration between governments and stakeholders on an ongoing basis.
(d) Developing strategies to enhance collaboration among governmental bodies and the public.
(e) Assessing how the statewide land use system could be more efficient and predictable and thereby reduce unnecessary conflict.
(f) Reviewing Department of Land Conservation and Development findings and staff rec-
ommendations and providing input and counsel to the department.

(2) The council is not a decision-making body but instead is established to provide advice, assistance, perspective, ideas and recommendations.

(3) The council consists of 19 members appointed as follows:
(a) The President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives shall jointly appoint:
   (A) One member who represents county government;
   (B) One member who is a land use planning director of a county;
   (C) One member who represents city government;
   (D) One member who is a land use planning director of a city;
   (E) One member who represents fire chiefs and has experience with managing, fighting or preventing fire;
   (F) One member who represents rural residential property owners;
   (G) One member who represents farming property owners;
   (H) One member who represents a utility company or a company engaged in developing infrastructure for housing;
   (I) One member who represents environmental interests;
   (J) One member who represents state or regional land use planning organizations;
   (K) One member who represents land and housing development interests;
   (L) One member who represents real estate industry interests; and
   (M) One member who represents finance industry interests; and
(b) The Governor shall appoint:
   (A) One member to represent the Department of Land Conservation and Development;
   (B) One member to represent the Department of Environmental Quality;
   (C) One member to represent the Housing and Community Services Department;
   (D) One member to represent the Department of Consumer and Business Services;
   (E) One member to represent the Department of Human Services; and
   (F) One member to represent the Construction Contractors Board.

(4) The term of service for each member is two years.

(5) The members are eligible for reappointment.

(6) The council shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson to serve for one-year terms.

(7) The members shall serve on the council as volunteers and are not entitled to reimbursement for expenses.

(8) The Department of Land Conservation and Development shall staff the council, assist with drafting reports of the council and otherwise support the work of the council.

(9) The council shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to housing no later than September 15 of each year.

SECTION 2. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.