

House Bill 3210

Sponsored by Representative EVANS

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 Housing and Community Services Department to develop strategic housing stipend pilot program to provide housing stipends to individuals to move to city where their labor is expected to benefit economic development of city. Establishes advisory board to consult with department on development of program.

Requires department to report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly on program on or before September 15, 2026.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to department for program.

Sunsets program on January 2, 2029.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to a strategic housing stipend pilot program.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 3 of this 2023 Act are added to and made a part of ORS**
5 **chapter 458.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) The Housing and Community Services Department shall develop a stra-**
7 **tegic housing stipend pilot program to provide housing stipends to individuals whose labor is**
8 **expected to meet the needs of a city's economy as established by criteria developed by an**
9 **advisory board described in section 3 of this 2023 Act.**

10 **(2) The department shall select three cities to participate in the pilot program, including**
11 **one city with a population greater than 55,000, one city with a population greater than 10,000**
12 **and not more than 50,000 and one city with a population of 10,000 or less.**

13 **(3) Individuals qualifying for stipends under this section must:**

14 **(a) Agree to move to the city from outside the city;**

15 **(b) Have skills or a career that benefits the economic development or other goals of the**
16 **city;**

17 **(c) During the period for which stipends are awarded:**

18 **(A) Reside in the city;**

19 **(B) Be employed within the city full time; and**

20 **(C) Have a household income between 60 percent and 120 percent of the area median in-**
21 **come; and**

22 **(d) Meet any other qualifications adopted by the advisory board under section 3 of this**
23 **2023 Act.**

24 **(4) Housing stipends provided under this section:**

25 **(a) Must be given on a monthly basis;**

26 **(b) May not be given to the same individual or family for a period of more than 18**
27 **months; and**

28 **(c) May not exceed \$300 per month.**

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 (5) The department may contract with one or more nonprofit organizations to administer
2 the pilot program or a portion of the pilot program.

3 **SECTION 3.** (1) In developing the strategic housing stipend pilot program described in
4 section 2 of this 2023 Act, including the qualifications and employment sector targets for
5 each city, the Housing and Community Services Department shall consult with an advisory
6 board.

7 (2) The advisory board consists of seven individuals, appointed as follows:

8 (a) The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries shall appoint one member
9 to represent the Bureau of Labor and Industries;

10 (b) The Director of the Employment Department shall appoint one member to represent
11 the Employment Department;

12 (c) The Director of Veterans' Affairs shall appoint one person to represent the Depart-
13 ment of Veterans' Affairs;

14 (d) The Director of the Housing and Community Services Department shall appoint one
15 member to represent the League of Oregon Cities; and

16 (e) The governing bodies of the three pilot cities selected under section 2 (2) of this 2023
17 Act shall each appoint one member to represent economic development policy of the city.

18 (3) The Housing and Community Services Department shall staff the meetings of the
19 advisory board. The advisory board shall meet at times established by the department.

20 (4) Members of the advisory board are not entitled to compensation for service as a
21 member.

22 (5) If there is a vacancy on the advisory board for any cause, the appointing authority
23 shall appoint a replacement.

24 (6) A majority of the members of the advisory board constitutes a quorum.

25 **SECTION 4.** On or before September 15, 2026, the Housing and Community Services De-
26 partment shall provide a report to an appropriate interim committee of the Legislative As-
27 sembly in the manner provided in ORS 192.245 on the strategic housing stipend pilot program
28 developed under section 2 of this 2023 Act.

29 **SECTION 5.** 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, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$10,000,000, for carrying out the purposes of
32 sections 2 and 3 of this 2023 Act.

33 **SECTION 6.** Section 3 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.

34 **SECTION 7.** Section 2 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2029.

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