Senate Bill 720

Sponsored by Senator GIROD (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.

Allows Housing and Community Services Department to modify grant to allow use of remaining moneys to compensate certain landlords not otherwise reimbursed for unpaid rent during COVID-19 emergency period. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to compensation for unpaid rent during COVID-19 emergency period; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Housing and Community Services Department shall enter into negotiations with Home Forward regarding the grant to compensate landlords described in section 9, chapter 420, Oregon Laws 2021, to allow the use of the grant described in section 4 (3), chapter 4, Oregon Laws 2021 (second special session), for the purposes of section 9, chapter 420, Oregon Laws 2021, and to make distributions to compensate residential landlords that:

(a) Applied or were eligible to apply for compensation under section 2, chapter 3, Oregon Laws 2020 (third special session), except as provided under subsection (2) of this section;

(b) Did not receive from any source 100 percent of the past-due rent that a tenant owed but did not pay between April 1, 2020, and June 30, 2021; and

(c) Complete an application before the earlier of January 1, 2025, or the date that grant moneys have been exhausted.

(2) Notwithstanding section 2 (1), chapter 3, Oregon Laws 2020 (third special session), a landlord need not include a copy of a signed declaration as described under section 7 (1)(b) and (3)(b), chapter 3, Oregon Laws 2020 (third special session), or section 2 (2)(a), chapter 420, Oregon Laws 2021, or any other documentation from the tenant to be eligible for compensation under subsection (1) of this section provided that the landlord can demonstrate the dates that the tenant occupied the dwelling and the dates for which rent was not received.

(3) If the grant is modified under this section, the department shall take steps to ensure that landlords that were denied funding under section 2, chapter 3, Oregon Laws 2020 (third special session), based on missing documentation may be reevaluated by Home Forward or notified of the opportunity to reapply for funding.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2024.

SECTION 3. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect on its passage.