

House Bill 4099

Sponsored by Representative GAMBIA; Representatives BOICE, LIVELY, Senators JAMA, PATTERSON (Pre-session 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**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act makes OHCS guarantee a local government's collection of a fee to be paid by a home builder on a delayed schedule. The Act goes into effect when the Governor signs it. (Flesch Readability Score: 69.5).

Requires the Housing and Community Services Department to guarantee local governments' deferral of system development charges for housing developments. Becomes operative on January 1, 2025.

Establishes the Municipal Development Protection Fund for such purposes. Appropriates moneys to the fund.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to housing; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 3 of this 2024 Act are added to and made a part of ORS**
5 **chapter 458.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) The Housing and Community Services Department shall purchase from**
7 **a local government the right to collect a past-due debt from a developer, if the debt is based**
8 **on a deferred system development charge as described in subsection (2) of this section. In**
9 **purchasing a debt under this section, the department shall pay the amount originally due.**

10 **(2) For a debt to be eligible for purchase by the department under this section, it must**
11 **arise from an agreement between a local government and a developer, in a form required by**
12 **the department, in which the parties agree that:**

13 **(a) The developer will construct one or more dwelling units.**

14 **(b) The local government will defer the collection of a system development charge, as**
15 **defined in ORS 223.299, from the developer until 180 days after the date that any dwelling unit**
16 **in the development project has been certified for occupancy.**

17 **(c) The developer will not pay any interest or fees on the system development charge**
18 **based on the charge's deferral.**

19 **(d) If the debt becomes owed to the department under this section, the department will**
20 **assess an additional 20 percent fee on the past-due balance plus interest on all amounts at**
21 **the rate specified in ORS 82.010.**

22 **(3) Upon purchasing a debt under this section, the department shall assess the fees and**
23 **interest allowed under subsection (2)(d) of this section and make reasonable efforts to collect**
24 **the debt, including assigning the debt to the Department of Revenue for collection under**
25 **ORS 293.250.**

26 **(4) Payments made by the Housing and Community Services Department to purchase and**

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 collect the debt under this section must be paid from available moneys in the Municipal De-
 2 velopment Protection Fund established under section 3 of this 2024 Act. The net amount of
 3 moneys collected under this section must be credited to the fund.

4 (5) Moneys received by a local government under this section must be treated as pay-
 5 ments of the system development charge and used for the purposes allowed under ORS
 6 223.307.

7 (6) As used in this section “local government” means any local government as defined in
 8 ORS 174.116 that is authorized to impose or collect a system development charge under ORS
 9 223.297 to 223.316.

10 **SECTION 3.** (1) The Municipal Development Protection Fund is established in the State
 11 Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund.

12 (2) The Municipal Development Protection Fund consists of moneys collected by the
 13 Housing and Community Services Department under section 2 of this 2024 Act and moneys
 14 appropriated, allocated, deposited or transferred to the fund by the Legislative Assembly or
 15 otherwise. Interest earned by the fund is credited to the fund.

16 (3) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the department to administer
 17 the fund and the program described in section 2 of this 2024 Act. In each biennium, the de-
 18 partment may not use more than four percent of the moneys in the fund at the beginning
 19 of the biennium for the costs of administering the fund and of implementing section 2 of this
 20 2024 Act.

21 **SECTION 4.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
 22 ated to the Housing and Community Services Department, for the biennium ending June 30,
 23 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$10,000,000, for deposit into the Municipal De-
 24 velopment Protection Fund established under section 3 of this 2024 Act.

25 **SECTION 5.** (1) Section 2 of this 2024 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2025.

26 (2) The Housing and Community Services Department may take any action before the
 27 operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the de-
 28 partment to exercise, on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this sec-
 29 tion, all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the department by sections 2 and
 30 3 of this 2024 Act.

31 (3) On or before January 1, 2025, the department shall adopt rules and model forms of
 32 agreements to implement section 2 of this 2024 Act.

33 (4) Section 2 of this 2024 Act applies only to agreements between a local government and
 34 a developer entered into on or after January 1, 2025.

35 (5) Notwithstanding section 3 (3) of this 2024 Act, for the biennium ending June 30, 2025,
 36 the department may spend not more than \$200,000 from the Municipal Development Pro-
 37 tection Fund under section 3 of this 2024 Act for the costs of administering the fund and the
 38 program described in section 2 of this 2024 Act.

39 **SECTION 6.** This 2024 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
 40 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2024 Act takes effect
 41 on its passage.