

Senate Bill 229

Sponsored by Senators MANNING JR, MEEK; Senators FREDERICK, GOLDEN, PATTERSON, PROZANSKI, TAYLOR, Representative GAMBIA (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 tells OHCS to give funds to Bridge Meadows to grow its multigenerational housing model in this state. (Flesch Readability Score: 62.8).

Directs the Housing and Community Services Department to distribute funds to Bridge Meadows for specified purposes. Directs the department to oversee the use of funds. Directs the department to report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to housing annually for five consecutive years.

Sunset January 2, 2031.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to housing for vulnerable populations.

2 Whereas the Bridge Meadows model of multigenerational housing successfully integrates seniors
3 and foster youth, promoting mutual support and community connection; and

4 Whereas youth aging out of the foster care system face significant challenges, including
5 homelessness and a lack of stable support systems; and

6 Whereas seniors often seek companionship and purpose in their later years, making this
7 intergenerational model beneficial for both populations; and

8 Whereas the Legislative Assembly is committed to supporting the most vulnerable members of
9 our society and fostering a stronger, more compassionate community through innovative housing
10 solutions; and

11 Whereas expanding Bridge Meadows will provide safe housing and a support network for vul-
12 nerable groups within our communities; now, therefore,

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

14 **SECTION 1. (1) The Housing and Community Services Department shall distribute funds**
15 **to Bridge Meadows to be used for the following purposes:**

16 (a) **Expansion of the Bridge Meadows model of multigenerational housing across this**
17 **state;**

18 (b) **Development and construction of new housing units;**

19 (c) **Operational needs and other support of existing and new housing communities;**

20 (d) **Establishment of programs to enhance intergenerational activities and engagement**
21 **among residents; and**

22 (e) **Administrative costs directly related to the expansion and operation of the Bridge**
23 **Meadows model of multigenerational housing.**

24 (2) **The department shall oversee the use of funds distributed under subsection (1) of this**
25 **section and ensure that the funds are used only for the purposes specified in subsection (1)**
26 **of this section.**
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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 **(3) Not later than December 31 of each year for five consecutive years, the department**
2 **shall submit a report, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, on the progress and impact**
3 **of the distribution of funds made under subsection (1) of this section to the interim com-**
4 **mittees of the Legislative Assembly related to housing.**

5 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2031.

6 **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated to the Housing and Community Services Department,
7 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$1,000,000
8 for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 1 of this 2025 Act.

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