

Requested by SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
SENATE BILL 51**

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after “housing” insert “; creating new pro-  
2 visions; and amending ORS 456.559”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 8 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. Section 3 of this 2025 Act and ORS 456.250 are added  
5 to and made a part of ORS 456.255 to 456.267.**

6 **“SECTION 2. ORS 456.255 to 456.267 are added to and made a part  
7 of ORS 456.548 to 456.725.**

8 **“SECTION 3. The Housing and Community Services Department  
9 shall establish and maintain an affordable housing preservation pro-  
10 gram to coordinate efforts and incentivize the analysis and preserva-  
11 tion of affordable housing, including publicly supported housing and  
12 manufactured dwelling parks. Under the program, the department  
13 shall:**

14 **“(1) Collect and maintain data from local, state and federal sources  
15 on affordable housing in this state, including the status of existing  
16 affordability restrictions and rental assistance contracts at publicly  
17 supported housing.**

18 **“(2) Identify categories of affordable housing at risk of loss, in-  
19 cluding:**

20 **“(a) Publicly supported housing with expiring affordability re-  
21 strictions; and**

1       **“(b) Manufactured dwelling parks and publicly supported housing**  
2 **in physical or financial distress.**

3       **“(3) Take actions to promote housing stability, including by pro-**  
4 **viding rent assistance, for residents of affordable housing that is at**  
5 **risk of loss or that has been recently lost.**

6       **“(4) Establish and periodically update evaluation criteria for af-**  
7 **fordable housing preservation investments.**

8       **“(5) Identify and aggregate available sources of funding, including**  
9 **moneys available from federal and private grants or programs, appro-**  
10 **priations by the Legislative Assembly, existing funds of the depart-**  
11 **ment or financing available from Article XI-Q bond proceeds under**  
12 **ORS 286A.824 or 458.480 to 448.490 or proceeds of other bonds issued by**  
13 **the State Treasurer and use such sources of funding to implement**  
14 **preservation investments for affordable housing in accordance with**  
15 **the established evaluation criteria.**

16       **“(6) Regularly analyze operating expenses of the existing portfolio**  
17 **of publicly supported housing that is funded by the department to in-**  
18 **form the department’s underwriting standards for financing the con-**  
19 **struction of new and the preservation of existing publicly supported**  
20 **housing and to inform forecasts of preservation funding needs.**

21       **“(7) Regularly update and publish an affordable housing preserva-**  
22 **tion strategy framework to prepare a forecast of the financial need to**  
23 **preserve existing affordable housing and to execute the duties of the**  
24 **department under ORS 456.255 to 456.267.**

25       **“SECTION 4.** ORS 456.559 is amended to read:

26       **“456.559. (1) The Housing and Community Services Department shall:**

27       **“(a) Maintain current housing data and information concerning available**  
28 **programs, status of funding, programs planned or undertaken which might**  
29 **conflict with, overlap, duplicate or supersede other planned or existing pro-**  
30 **grams and call these to the attention of appropriate state agencies, govern-**

1 mental bodies and public or private housing sponsors.

2 “(b) Maintain current data [*from local, state and federal sources concern-*  
3 *ing publicly supported housing as that term is defined in ORS 456.250, the*  
4 *status of existing affordability restrictions as that term is defined in ORS*  
5 *456.250 and rental assistance contracts at publicly supported housing]* **on**  
6 **publicly supported housing as provided under section 3 of this 2025**  
7 **Act.**

8 “(c) Provide to appropriate state agencies, governmental bodies and public  
9 or private housing sponsors such advisory and educational services as will  
10 assist them in the development of housing plans and projects.

11 “(d) Subject to the approval of the Oregon Housing Stability Council,  
12 make noninterest bearing advances, in accordance with ORS 456.710 and the  
13 policies of the department, to qualified nonprofit sponsors for development  
14 costs of housing projects until mortgage funds are released to repay the ad-  
15 vances as provided in ORS 456.710.

16 “(e) Advise and assist appropriate state agencies, governmental bodies and  
17 public or private housing sponsors, cities and counties, in all programs and  
18 activities which are designed or might tend to fulfill the purposes of ORS  
19 456.548 to 456.725 and ORS chapter 458.

20 “(f) Encourage and assist in the planning, development, construction, re-  
21 habilitation and conservation of dwelling units for persons and families of  
22 lower income.

23 “(g) Be the central state department to apply for, receive and distribute,  
24 on behalf of appropriate state agencies, governmental bodies and public or  
25 private housing sponsors in the state, grants, gifts, contributions, loans,  
26 credits or assistance from the federal government or any other source for  
27 housing programs except when the donor, grantor, or lender of such funds  
28 specifically directs some other agency to administer them. Moneys received  
29 under this section shall be deposited with the State Treasurer in an account  
30 separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the account

1 shall be credited to the account.

2 “(h) For the purposes of acquiring moneys, credits or other assistance  
3 from any agency or instrumentality of the United States or from any public  
4 corporation chartered by the United States, comply with any applicable  
5 agreements or restrictions for the receipt of such assistance and become a  
6 member of any such association or public corporation chartered by the  
7 United States.

8 “(i) Assist individuals, appropriate state agencies, governmental bodies  
9 and public or private housing sponsors through a program which provides  
10 housing information, planning, educational services and technical assistance.

11 “(j) Comply with the requirements of ORS 443.225 in assisting in the de-  
12 velopment of any housing for residential care, training or treatment for  
13 persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities or mental or emo-  
14 tional disturbances.

15 “(2) Except as otherwise provided in ORS 456.255 to 456.267, 456.625 (7),  
16 458.315 (3) and 458.480 to 458.490, the department may not itself develop,  
17 construct, rehabilitate or conserve housing units; and neither the department  
18 nor any housing sponsor, including but not limited to any association, cor-  
19 poration, cooperative housing authority or urban renewal agency organized  
20 to provide housing and other facilities under ORS 456.548 to 456.725, may  
21 own, acquire, construct, purchase, lease, operate or maintain utility facili-  
22 ties, including facilities for the generation of electricity, for the distribution  
23 of gas and electricity, and for the conveyance of telephone and telegraph  
24 messages.

25 “(3) In accordance with the provisions of this section and with the advice  
26 of the council, the department shall establish statewide priorities for housing  
27 programs. State agencies shall coordinate their housing programs with the  
28 department. All state agencies intending to apply for federal funds for use  
29 in planning, developing or managing housing, or rendering assistance to  
30 governmental bodies or sponsors or individuals involved therein shall submit

1 a description of the proposed activity to the department for review not less  
2 than 30 days prior to the intended date of submission of the application to  
3 the federal agency. The department shall determine whether the proposal  
4 would result in a program that would overlap, duplicate or conflict with any  
5 other housing program in the state. If the department finds overlapping or  
6 duplication or conflict, it shall recommend modifications in the application.  
7 The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall consider these rec-  
8 ommendations in making its decision to approve or disapprove the applica-  
9 tion. The department shall complete its review and forward its  
10 recommendations within 15 working days after receipt of the notification.  
11 Failure of the department to complete the review within that time shall  
12 constitute approval of the application by the department.

13 “(4) The Director of the Housing and Community Services Department  
14 may participate in discussions and deliberations of the council. The director  
15 may suggest policies to the council, including those necessary to stimulate  
16 and increase the supply of housing for persons and families of lower  
17 income.”.

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