

# Senate Bill 1567

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## SUMMARY

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Digest: This Act lets OHCS make loans for mixed income housing projects. (Flesch Readability Score: 87.9).

Authorizes the Housing and Community Services Department to fund mixed income housing. Requires the department to develop a mixed income housing loan program. Establishes the Mixed Income Development Loan Fund for such purposes. Requires the department to adopt initial program rules by January 1, 2027.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to mixed income housing; creating new provisions; amending ORS 456.550, 456.612 and 456.620; and prescribing an effective date.

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

**SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 3 of this 2026 Act are added to and made a part of ORS 456.548 to 456.828.**

**SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, "mixed income housing" means multifamily housing, as defined in ORS 456.717, that includes both units available at fair market value and units restricted for low income households, as defined in ORS 456.270.**

**(2) The Housing and Community Services Department shall develop and implement a program to provide below-market, short-term loans for the development of mixed income housing.**

**(3) The department shall adopt rules for loans provided under this section that establish:**

**(a) Eligibility criteria;**

**(b) The method by which interest rates and terms are set;**

**(c) The proportion of housing units that must be restricted units;**

**(d) The minimum duration for which restricted units must be affordable, which must be at least the term of the loan; and**

**(e) The means by which a project that receives a loan described in this section may ensure affordability of restricted units through an affordable housing covenant, as defined in ORS 456.270.**

**(4) Loans under this section may be made subordinate to any existing or concurrently made private loan on the property.**

**(5) The department shall deposit payments made under this section into the Mixed Income Development Loan Fund under section 3 of this 2026 Act.**

**SECTION 3. (1) The Mixed Income Development Loan Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Mixed Income**

**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 **Development Loan Fund is credited to the fund.**

2 **(2) The fund consists of:**

3 **(a) Moneys received under section 2 (5) of this 2026 Act;**

4 **(b) Moneys appropriated, allocated, deposited or transferred to the fund by the Legisla-**  
5 **tive Assembly;**

6 **(c) Authorized bond proceeds; and**

7 **(d) Moneys from any other source, including from the federal government or local gov-**  
8 **ernment.**

9 **(3) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Housing and Community**  
10 **Services Department to implement this section and section 2 of this 2026 Act.**

11 **SECTION 4. On or before January 1, 2027, the Housing and Community Services Depart-**  
12 **ment shall adopt initial rules implementing section 2 of this 2026 Act.**

13 **SECTION 5.** ORS 456.550 is amended to read:

14 456.550. (1) There exists in this state a seriously inadequate supply of and a pressing need for  
15 safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations within the financial means of persons and families of  
16 lower income, including but not limited to persons and families displaced by the clearing of [*slums*  
17 *and*] blighted areas or by other public programs;

18 (2) Private lending institutions have been and will continue to be unable to provide necessary  
19 financial support for [*lower income*] housing and the resulting shortage of financing has been in  
20 whole or in part responsible for the shortage of lower income housing;

21 (3) It is a valid public purpose to provide for the construction, rehabilitation, purchase, leasing  
22 and refinancing of housing for such persons and families who would otherwise be unable to obtain  
23 adequate dwelling accommodations which they could afford and to aid in the acquisition of land for  
24 present or future developments including such housing accommodations;

25 (4) It is further found that the authority and powers conferred by ORS 456.548 to 456.828 and  
26 ORS chapter 458 upon the Housing and Community Services Department and the Director of the  
27 Housing and Community Services Department constitute a necessary public program and serve a  
28 valid public purpose;

29 (5) To stimulate and increase the supply of housing for persons and families of lower income it  
30 is necessary that a central source of housing information, planning, educational services and tech-  
31 nical assistance and a revolving fund be established. The Housing and Community Services Depart-  
32 ment shall be that central source in this state;

33 (6) It is the policy of this state to increase the amount of and improve the condition of low and  
34 moderate income housing by investing in developing local capacity to build, rehabilitate and manage  
35 housing. A primary vehicle for building such capacity is the formation and expansion of community  
36 development corporations; and

37 (7) In that the [*farmworkers*] **agricultural workforce** in this state [*benefit*] **benefits** the social  
38 and economic welfare of all of the people in Oregon by [*their*] **its** unceasing efforts to bring a  
39 bountiful crop to market, the Legislative Assembly declares that it is the policy of this state to en-  
40 sure adequate accommodations commensurate with the housing needs of Oregon's [*farm*] **agricul-**  
41 **tural** workers that meet decent health, safety and welfare standards. To accomplish this objective  
42 in the interest of all of the people in this state, it is necessary that:

43 (a) Every state and local government agency that has powers, functions or duties with respect  
44 to housing, land use or enforcing health, safety or welfare standards, under this or any other law,  
45 shall exercise its powers, functions or duties consistently with state policy and in a manner that

will facilitate sustained progress in attaining the objectives established;

(b) Every state and local government agency with jurisdiction over *[farmworker]* **agricultural workforce** activities must make every effort to alleviate insanitary, unsafe and overcrowded accommodations;

(c) Special efforts should be directed toward mitigating hazards to families and children; and

(d) Accommodations must be designed to provide for the rights of free association to seasonal *[farmworkers]* **agricultural workers**.

**SECTION 6.** ORS 456.612 is amended to read:

456.612. The Legislative Assembly finds and declares that the primary purpose of financing by the Housing and Community Services Department is to provide affordable housing for persons and families of lower income, **including by financing the development of mixed income housing**.

**SECTION 7.** ORS 456.620 is amended to read:

456.620. In carrying out housing programs, the Housing and Community Services Department shall:

(1) With the approval of the Oregon Housing Stability Council, adopt standards for the planning, development and management of housing projects for which qualified housing sponsors receive all or a portion of any required financing under ORS 456.548 to 456.828, for audits and inspections to determine compliance with such standards and adopt criteria for the approval of qualified housing sponsors under ORS 456.548 to 456.828.

(2) Adopt criteria by which the department may approve or disqualify qualified housing sponsors.

(3) Enter into agreements with qualified housing sponsors to regulate the planning, development and management of housing projects constructed with the assistance of the department under ORS 456.548 to 456.828.

(4) With the approval of the council, establish maximum household income limits for all or a portion of the units in housing projects, including housing developments or other residential housing, financed in whole or in part by the department. The department may finance only *[the portion of]* housing projects *[consisting of]* **including one or more** units rented to households with an income below 120 percent of the area median income, as defined in ORS 458.610. The department shall, by rule, adopt a methodology for allocating the affordable housing portion of a housing project's shared costs, including infrastructure and parking. For a housing project financed by the department, the council may establish a minimum ratio or number of units that will be rented to households with an income below 120 percent of the area median income. *[If the income level in any unit exceeds 120 percent of the area median income, the department shall, to the extent practicable, require that the project, development or other housing financed by the department have no less than a minimum percentage of low income units as established by rule.]* Income limits for department programs administered on a statewide basis may be established by reference to the area median income. This subsection does not restrict the acquisition of manufactured dwelling parks.

(5) With the approval of the council, ensure that financing is provided in the department's programs for manufactured housing and for the purchase of lots described in ORS 92.840 by manufactured dwelling park tenants.

**SECTION 8.** This 2026 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2026 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.