

House Bill 4002

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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**.

Requires Housing and Community Services Department to study long-term rent assistance and to report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly no later than October 1, 2020.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to housing; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Housing and Community Services Department shall conduct a study**
5 **on the costs and benefits of providing long-term rental assistance to Oregonians who, due**
6 **to severe rent burden, are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness.**

7 **(2) The study must include estimates of costs of providing long-term rental assistance**
8 **across different geographic regions and to serve different populations, including households**
9 **with:**

10 **(a) Children five years of age or younger;**

11 **(b) Children at least six years of age and not older than 17 years of age;**

12 **(c) Unaccompanied homeless youths, as defined in ORS 343.035;**

13 **(d) Wards who have aged out of permanent foster care, shelter care or substitute care,**
14 **as defined in ORS 419A.004;**

15 **(e) Individuals who have been victims of domestic violence, as defined in ORS 135.230,**
16 **181A.355 or 411.117, or who are at risk of domestic violence;**

17 **(f) Seniors and persons with disabilities; and**

18 **(g) Veterans.**

19 **(3) The study must include an exploration of opportunities for administrative efficiencies**
20 **that can be gained by looking at best practices, including local, state and federal long-term**
21 **rental assistance programs and by consulting with urban and rural local housing authorities,**
22 **as defined in ORS 456.375.**

23 **(4) No later than October 1, 2020, the department shall provide a report on the findings**
24 **of the study to an appropriate interim committee of the Legislative Assembly in the manner**
25 **provided under ORS 192.245.**

26 **SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
27 **ated to the Housing and Community Services Department, for the biennium ending June 30,**
28 **2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$125,000, to conduct the study required under**
29 **section 1 of this 2020 Act.**

30 **SECTION 3. This 2020 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**

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 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2020 Act takes effect**
2 **on its passage.**

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