

CHAPTER 47

AN ACT

HB 4006

Relating to housing; and declaring an emergency.
Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) For purposes of this section:

(a) A household is severely rent burdened if the household spends more than 50 percent of the income of the household on gross rent for housing.

(b) A regulated affordable unit is a residential unit subject to a regulatory agreement that runs with the land and that requires affordability for an established income level for a defined period of time.

(c) A single-family unit may be rented or owned by a household and includes single-family homes, duplexes, townhomes, row homes and mobile homes.

(2)(a) The Housing and Community Services Department shall annually provide to the governing body of each city in this state with a population greater than 10,000 the most current data available from the United States Census Bureau, or any other source the department considers at least as reliable, showing the percentage of renter households in the city that are severely rent burdened.

(b) The Housing and Community Services Department, in collaboration with the Department of Land Conservation and Development, shall develop a survey form on which the governing body of a city may provide specific information related to the affordability of housing within the city, including, but not limited to:

(A) The actions relating to land use and other related matters that the governing body has taken to increase the affordability of housing and reduce rent burdens for severely rent burdened households; and

(B) The additional actions the governing body intends to take to reduce rent burdens for severely rent burdened households.

(c) If the Housing and Community Services Department determines that at least 25 percent of the renter households in a city are severely rent burdened, the department shall provide the governing body of the city with the survey form developed pursuant to paragraph (b) of this subsection.

(d) The governing body of the city shall return the completed survey form to the Housing and Community Services Department and the Department of Land Conservation and Development within 60 days of receipt.

(3)(a) In any year in which the governing body of a city is informed under this section that at least 25 percent of the renter households in the city are severely rent burdened, the governing body shall hold at least one public meet-

ing to discuss the causes and consequences of severe rent burdens within the city, the barriers to reducing rent burdens and possible solutions.

(b) The Housing and Community Services Department may adopt rules governing the conduct of the public meeting required under this subsection.

(4) No later than February 1 of each year, the governing body of each city in this state with a population greater than 10,000 shall submit to the Department of Land Conservation and Development a report for the immediately preceding calendar year setting forth separately for each of the following categories the total number of units that were permitted and the total number that were produced:

(a) Residential units.

(b) Regulated affordable residential units.

(c) Multifamily residential units.

(d) Regulated affordable multifamily residential units.

(e) Single-family units.

(f) Regulated affordable single-family units.

SECTION 2. (1) Section 1 of this 2018 Act becomes operative on the 91st day after the date on which the 2018 regular session of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

(2) Notwithstanding the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, the Housing and Community Services Department may, before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, adopt rules and take any action necessary for the department and the governing bodies of cities to comply with section 1 of this 2018 Act on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 2019, out of the General Fund:

(1) To the Department of Land Conservation and Development, the amount of \$1,730,000 for the purpose of providing technical assistance to local governments in increasing the affordability of housing within the boundaries of the local governments. In providing technical assistance, the department shall give priority to cities described in section 1 (3) of this 2018 Act.

(2) To the Housing and Community Services Department, the amount of \$270,000 for the purpose of conducting a study on the cost of affordable housing and providing technical assistance grants to promote the development of subsidized affordable housing.

SECTION 4. This 2018 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2018 Act takes effect on its passage.

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