



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 28, 2022

Chief Clerk Sekerak
Oregon State Capitol

RE: Vote explanation for HB 4051 (B-Engrossed)

Chief Clerk Sekerak,

I wish to submit the following explanation for my vote on HB 4051 (B-Engrossed)

HB 4051 (B-Engrossed) extends the sunset date for the Task Force on Homelessness and Racial Disparities to January 2, 2026.

In 2021, the Legislative Assembly enacted House Bill 2100, which clarified Oregon Housing and Community Services' (HCSD) role and responsibilities in administering federal antipoverty programs.

The Task Force provided an initial report to the Legislative Assembly on January 15, 2022, which included recommendations that the Task Force be allowed more time to develop recommendations for changes to funding structure, contracts and services for individuals experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity.

While HCSD will continue to use existing staff, but has already contracted with a third-party facilitator, ICF Incorporated (ICF), at a cost of \$447,038 for a seven-month duration, ending June 15, 2022. Extending the sunset date of the task force will require HCSD to extend its contract with ICF. Thus, the measure makes a one-time appropriation to HCSD for \$362,977.

I felt the task force underestimated their timeline and entered into a contract that now needs to be bailed out. Therefore, I was a no vote.

Regards,

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