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Bill Title: Relating to housing; declaring an emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Housing and Community Services Department, Oregon Health Authority

Summary of Fiscal Impact

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal for the Oregon Health Authority and Housing and Community Services - see explanatory analysis.

Measure Description

The measure authorizes the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to distribute air conditioners and air filters to eligible distribution entities that provide devices to specified eligible individuals during an emergency or anticipated emergency. The measure requires the administrator of the program to reimburse the costs of identifying eligible Oregonians, delivering devices, providing necessary utility support, and ensuring devices are installed and working properly. The measure modifies the Housing Choice Landlord Guarantee Program to increase the maximum reimbursement landlords can receive for damage caused by tenants from no more than \$5,000 per tenancy to a maximum amount established by the Housing and Community Services Department.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact is anticipated to be minimal.

Oregon Health Authority

SB 1536 (2023) directed OHA to create a program to acquire a supply air conditioners and air filters, and to distribute these devices to a variety of eligible distribution entities. The agency received a one-time \$5 million appropriation for the program for the biennium ending June 30, 2023.

SB 1529 authorizes the agency to reimburse eligible distribution entities for the costs of identifying eligible Oregonians, delivering devices, providing necessary utility support, and ensuring devices are installed and working properly. The agency reports that it had been reimbursing these entities for costs from available program funding, however, there is not on-going funding for this program and, therefore the codification of these reimbursements does not represent an increase in required expenditures. Likewise, the expansion of the eligible recipient population does not necessitate additional expenditure amounts, it simply increases the pool of total recipients that would be eligible should funding be provided. The agency reports that based on data from 2022 and 2023, the agency provided approximately 6,000 units per year to eligible individuals at a cost of \$500 per unit.

Housing and Community Services Department

Costs to the Housing and Community Services Department associated with the measure are for changes to agency administrative rules and can be absorbed within current resources.

Relevant Dates

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.