

HB 2100: Modernizing Oregon's Homeless Response System

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Housing Stability Council Consensus Gauge

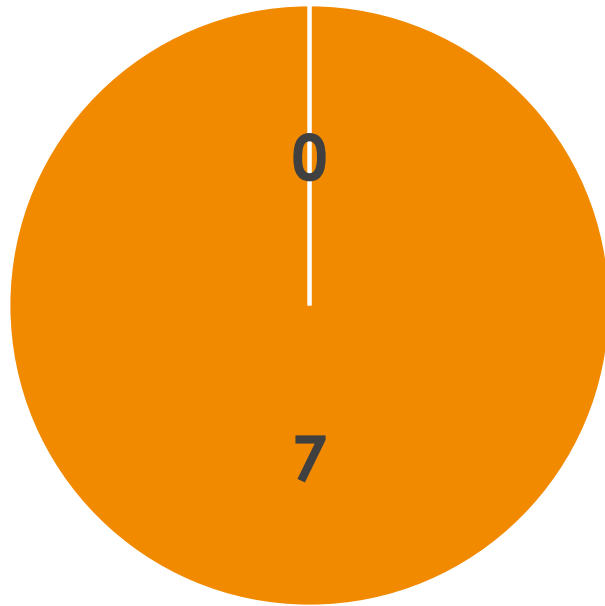


The seven Councilmembers on this subcommittee completed a short survey as a “temperature check” to better understand the degree of alignment within the group and the areas with the most divergent opinions.

This is not an official HSC “vote”, but a means to better understand where the Council is at on elements related to House Bill 2100.

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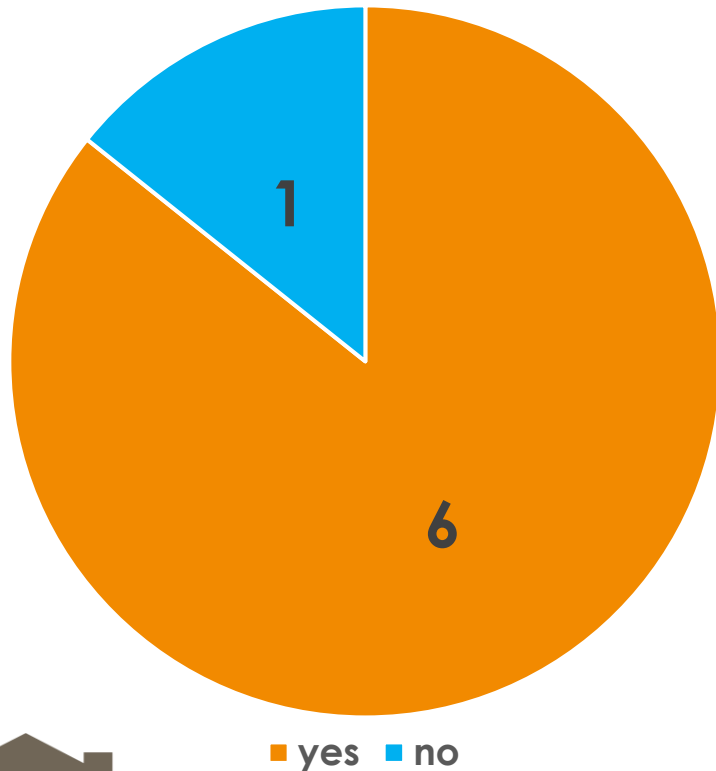
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Elements with full consensus:

- **expand table:** non-CAA homeless service providers should be able, by statute, to advise OHCS on homeless programs
- addressing **youth and family homelessness** should be reflected in statute

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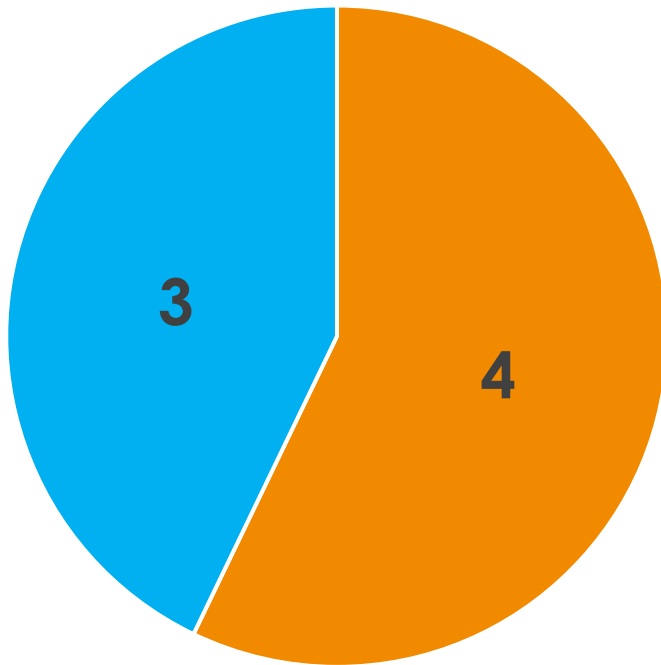


Elements with near consensus:

- **equity and racial justice** priorities should be reflected in statute
- addressing **unsheltered homelessness** should be reflected in statute by codifying SHAP
- EHA/SHAP **funds should be directly available** to non-CAA, homeless service providers

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Elements with most divergence:

- **outcomes-oriented contracting** should be codified in statute
- **geographic distribution:** EHA/SHAP funds should be allocated to CAA regions by formula, with a portion available for competitive offerings within those regions

Competitively granting EHA/SHAP funds

Under the current system, 100% of EHA/SHAP resources are directly and non-competitively granted to CAAs.

Under this statutory proposal:

- 80% continues to be directly and non-competitively granted to CAAs
- remaining 20% would be directly granted through a competitive process open to all other homeless services providers (including culturally specific organizations and CAAs)

Does this approach reflect your thinking?

- 3: Yes, I think this is an appropriate balance** for distributing EHA/SHAP funds between CAAs and potential new direct grantees
- 2: I think there should be a mix of non-competitive and competitive distribution** of EHA/SHAP funds, but I do not know what the appropriate balance is
- 1: No, I do not think any** EHA/SHAP funds should be competitively available
- 1: Other— Don't be overly prescriptive, statute should allow but not mandate competitive processes**

Advancing goals via statute change

The proposed changes to the statute are in service to a larger set of long-term goals towards addressing homelessness that help us to build the concerted and coordinated statewide effort as outlined in the Statewide Housing Plan.

- Improve how OHCS deploys funding for homeless services and how OHCS and our grantees serve as part of a crisis response system, within the larger framework of addressing poverty and preventing homelessness.
- Increase the availability of culturally responsive services to reduce well documented disparities for black, indigenous, and people of color in homelessness and housing instability.
- Update the statutes to reflect federal policy, industry best practices, and a commitment to racial equity.
- Advance progress towards building an outcomes-oriented system that is data-informed and ensures highest and best use of public funds.
- Provide OHCS, Housing Stability Council, Governor, and legislature the flexibility on use of future funds for homeless services to direct strategic investments and ensure appropriate capacity for delivery.
- Ensure Oregonians in need continue to receive services and communities can effectively plan and mount an impactful response to the homelessness crisis.
- Maintain statewide geographic coverage of homeless services.



Advancing goals via statute change

How closely do you feel the proposed statutory changes reflect these goals?



- Strong alignment, I see how proposed changes would help the agency achieve these goals
- Okay alignment, I have some reservations or questions about how the proposed changes will help to achieve these goals
- Poor alignment, I do not see how the proposed changes would help the agency achieve these goals

Reservations

- Not enough focus on equity and racial justice
- Continuation of local coordination and direction
- Ensure equitable distribution to providers serving BIPOC communities
- Capacity building is needed, competitive applications are heavy lifts for all organizations, especially smaller or more population-specific providers
- Focus on expanding resources rather than dividing resources



A Round of Reflection

From our last few discussions and the review of the survey results today,

- What are your key takeaways?
- What opportunities do you see for going forward?
- What would you like to elevate for consideration?

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