

# HB 4013: Expanding Oregon's Commitment to Houseless Youth

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OREGON HAS THE

# 1st

HIGHEST RATE OF  
YOUTH HOUSELESSNESS  
IN THE U.S. <sup>1</sup>

IN OREGON

# 22,215

YOUTH EXPERIENCING  
HOUSELESSNESS IN THE  
2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR <sup>2</sup>

BLACK YOUTH ARE

# 2.67x

MORE LIKELY THAN WHITE  
YOUTH TO EXPERIENCE  
HOUSELESSNESS <sup>3</sup>



55% GRADUATION RATE  
FOR HOUSELESS YOUTH  
IN THE CLASS OF 2019 <sup>4</sup>

## EXPAND SERVICES FOR HOUSELESS YOUTH

- Provides grants for evidence-based, culturally specific, and trauma-informed housing and wraparound services for K-12 houseless youth
- Creates or increase access to services for houseless youth in underserved or unserved communities
- Builds upon the work of HB 2544 (2021) in filling gaps in existing services for houseless youth



## EXTEND ELIGIBILITY FOR FOSTER YOUTH SERVICES

- Young adults who experience homelessness without family and community support face the same challenges as young adults within the foster system, but lack similar support systems
- Allows houseless and formerly houseless youth to access two key supports as they transition to independent living:
  - The Independent Living Housing Subsidy, providing assistance to young adults seeking stable and secure housing
  - A tuition and fee waiver to Oregon community colleges and public universities, allowing young adults to pursue higher education at an attainable cost



<sup>1</sup> WalletHub; <https://bit.ly/30EbyCr>

<sup>2</sup> Oregon Department of Education; <https://bit.ly/3CosqKo>

<sup>3</sup> National Network for Youth; <https://bit.ly/3GrelJC>

<sup>4</sup> Oregon Department of Education; <https://bit.ly/2Zl5usc>

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