HB 4013: Expanding Oregon's Commitment to Houseless Youth

Oregon has the 1st highest rate of youth houselessness in the U.S.¹

22,215 youth experiencing houselessness in the 2018-19 school year²

Black youth are 2.67x more likely than white youth to experience houselessness³

55% graduation rate for houseless youth in the class of 2019⁴

**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 increases 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

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¹ WalletHub; https://bit.ly/30EbyCr
² Oregon Department of Education; https://bit.ly/3CosqKo