

IN CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 26-1547 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADING METRO CODE SECTION 2.19.280 TO ADD ONE VOTING MEMBER TO THE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICES REGIONAL POLICY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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## ISSUE STATEMENT

Ordinance No. 26-1547 adds one new voting member to the Supportive Housing Services Regional Policy and Oversight Committee (“SHS RPOC” or “Committee”). This new member must have specific knowledge and expertise serving American Indian/Alaska Native, tribal, and urban Indigenous communities experiencing homelessness.

This new committee seat will be appointed by the Metro Council President, confirmed by the Metro Council. Metro staff will provide Metro Council President appointment recommendations through a competitive recruitment process.

## Committee membership

Adoption of this ordinance would increase SHS RPOC membership to 23 total members. The Committee would consist of 19 voting members, including nine non-elected voting members and 10 elected voting members, as well as four non-voting members.

## ACTION REQUESTED

Adopt Ordinance No. 26-1547, adding one new voting member to serve a two-year term on the Committee.

## IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES

Council adoption of Ordinance No. 26-1547 will add one new voting member to SHS PROC. This new member will be appointed by Metro Council President and subject to Metro Council confirmation as laid out in in Metro Code Section 2.19.280.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Adopt Ordinance No. 26-1547.

## STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Knowledge and expertise in tribal governance structures, eligibility requirements, homeless service systems and housing-related resources for American Indian or Alaska Native people, federally recognized tribes or Indigenous communities experiencing homelessness will provide valuable context to the SHS Regional Policy and Oversight Committee.

According to the 2025 Metro regional Point-in-Time Count, homelessness among the American Indian/Alaska Native community increased by 118%, a disproportionately high rate compared with other demographic groups. Previous Point-in-Time Counts, including the 2023 count, also identified disproportionately high rates of homelessness among American Indian/Alaska Native individuals in Multnomah County. Together, these data indicate that homelessness within the American Indian/Alaska Native communities is a significant issue for regional planning and policy discussions.

Federally recognized tribes are sovereign nations with a government-to-government relationship with the United States recognized under federal law. As sovereign governments, tribes administer a range of housing, health, and social service programs for eligible, enrolled tribe members and, in some cases, their descendants. Familiarity with these systems and resources—including programs such as the HUD 184 Loan Guarantee Program and HUD-VASH—can help provide a more complete understanding of the housing and service landscape available to American Indian/Alaska Native, tribal, and urban Indigenous communities.

Many American Indian/Alaska Native, tribal, and urban Indigenous people and families may access a combination of tribal, federal, state, local, and community-based resources to address housing needs. Consideration of how these systems interact with SHS will help inform regional efforts to understand and respond to homelessness within these communities.

### **Legal antecedents**

This resolution is based on Ordinance No. 25-1539, adopted by Metro Council on December 16, 2025, which establishes the SHS RPOC effective April 1, 2026 (codified at Metro Code Section 2.19.280).

Additional legislation passed by the Metro Council related to this resolution includes:

- **Resolution No. 25-5534**, adopted on December 16, 2025, approves the SHS Reforms Work Plan, including an implementation plan outline for the SHS RPOC.
- **Resolution No. 26-5567**, adopted on March 12, 2026, establishes oversight and accountability measures, as well as agenda priorities, for the SHS RPOC.
- **Resolution No. 26-5572**, adopted on April 7, 2026, confirms SHS RPOC members appointed by Acting Metro Council President Hwang.

- **Resolution No. 26-5601**, adopted on April 30, 2026, adopting Bylaws for the Supportive Housing Services Regional Policy and Oversight Committee.

### **Recruitment and outreach**

This member will be selected through an open, competitive application process. Following adoption of Ordinance No. 26-1547, staff from Metro’s Housing Department, Council Office, and Tribal Affairs program will launch and manage the recruitment process.

Metro’s Tribal Affairs program developed an outreach strategy that includes notifying federally recognized tribes, local Native communities and organizations, the Portland Indian Leaders Roundtable listserv, and other relevant stakeholders about the opportunity and encouraging qualified individuals to apply. Metro will keep the application period open for 60 days to provide Tribes with sufficient time to conduct their own processes for identifying and supporting candidates.

After the application period closes, staff will review applications and provide recommendations to Metro Council President González. The Council President will appoint a candidate, subject to confirmation by the Metro Council.

In addition, the Metro Attorney will prepare a conforming amendment to the Committee Bylaws, for Council consideration and adoption prior to the October Committee meeting.

### **BACKGROUND**

SHS RPOC serves as the regional governance body for the Supportive Housing Services measure. The committee’s responsibilities include regional oversight and accountability for the fund, ensuring the fund is fulfilling its goals, guiding regional coordination, and approving regional investments guided by the goals and recommendations of the former Tri-County Planning Body.

Committee membership is composed of local jurisdictions, homelessness experts and other representatives. It includes community members with diverse personal and professional experience and expertise, including people with experience of housing instability and homelessness. Upon adoption of this Ordinance, there will be 19 voting members and four non-voting members.