

# House Bill 2809

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## SUMMARY

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Requires Economic and Community Development Department to require certain recipients of economic development assistance from state funds to consider and plan for access to child care.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to child care planning for economic development projects; amending ORS 285A.020 and  
3 285A.090.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 285A.020 is amended to read:

6 285A.020. (1) The Legislative Assembly finds that:

7 (a) Oregon's economy continues to experience change and adjustment that greatly affect the  
8 well-being of its citizens.

9 (b) The state has a need for continuing economic development to help provide the jobs for its  
10 citizens that lead to community vitality and a high quality of life.

11 (2) The Legislative Assembly further finds that:

12 (a) Oregon's human resources constitute a major asset in the state's effort to promote economic  
13 expansion and improvement.

14 (b) Oregon's natural resources provide ample opportunities for productive and beneficial eco-  
15 nomic enterprise.

16 (c) Oregon's location on the growing economy of the Pacific Rim provides substantial opportu-  
17 nities and challenges in international trade.

18 (d) Oregon's special heritage, its respect for and cultivation of its environment and its quality  
19 of life are a unique and sustaining virtue that will both guide and assist in maintaining the state's  
20 economic health.

21 (3) It is the purpose of ORS chapters 285A, 285B and 285C to promote the improvement of  
22 Oregon's economy to better provide for the well-being of its citizens. To that end, the Economic and  
23 Community Development Department shall invest resources in accordance with the following prin-  
24 ciples:

25 (a) Structures and processes for making public investments and dealing with local and regional  
26 issues must be designed flexibly so that actions can adapt to the constantly changing conditions and  
27 demands under which communities and businesses operate.

28 (b) Partnerships among local, state and federal, public and private players should be used to set  
29 direction, develop projects and set priorities.

30 (c) The expected impact of public investments at all levels should be explicitly identified, in  
31 terms of measurable outcomes, whenever possible.

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (d) State, federal and community goals, constraints and obligations should be identified at the  
 2 beginning of the public investment planning process, and the state should work actively with com-  
 3 munities and regions to accomplish their mutual objectives.

4 **(e) Economic growth and workforce stability are enhanced by the creation and mainte-  
 5 nance of quality, affordable child care, and the state should require recipients of economic  
 6 development assistance for workforce, housing and public transit development projects to  
 7 consider and plan for access to child care.**

8 (4) The Legislative Assembly declares that it is the immediate economic strategy of the state to:

9 (a) Focus on Oregonians in communities that are rural, economically distressed or lack diverse  
 10 employment opportunities, including providing assistance in recruiting jobs from outside the com-  
 11 munity or state and financing necessary infrastructure;

12 (b) Assist Oregonians who are underemployed or in low income jobs;

13 (c) Assist start-up companies and companies already doing business in Oregon;

14 (d) Help regions that are committed to making strong progress toward an integrated structure  
 15 and process for strategic planning and project development; *[and]*

16 (e) Focus on strategies and investments that maximize the economic benefit to the state of the  
 17 global shift to an information, science and technology driven economy and on industries and com-  
 18 panies that make significant use of the high-capacity telecommunications, science and technology-  
 19 related manufacturing processes or knowledge transfer typical of these emerging economic  
 20 sectors[.]; **and**

21 **(f) Assist in the development of quality, affordable child care for Oregonians by requiring  
 22 recipients of economic development assistance from state funds for workforce, housing and  
 23 public transit development projects to consider and plan for access to child care.**

24 **SECTION 2.** ORS 285A.090 is amended to read:

25 285A.090. The Economic and Community Development Department shall:

26 (1) Implement programs consistent with policies of the Oregon Economic and Community De-  
 27 velopment Commission.

28 (2) Provide field representatives in the various geographical regions of the state. The field rep-  
 29 resentatives shall be in the unclassified service and shall receive such salary as may be set by the  
 30 Director of the Economic and Community Development Department, unless otherwise provided by  
 31 law. The field representatives shall:

32 (a) Serve as internal advocates and centralized contacts within state government for businesses  
 33 seeking to locate or expand in the region and shall guide the businesses through all required pro-  
 34 cesses with state regulatory agencies and local units of government to facilitate and expedite siting  
 35 or expansion of the businesses within the businesses' budgets and in an economically viable manner;

36 (b) Seek assistance and direction from the Governor or a designee of the Governor for resolving  
 37 issues that have delayed a project in order to ensure that governmental decisions and actions on  
 38 projects are made in a timely and reasonable manner;

39 (c) Work with local units of government and the private sector as they establish and carry out  
 40 economic and community development plans and programs under ORS 280.500;

41 (d) Establish links with and act as liaisons between businesses seeking to locate or expand in  
 42 the region and resources within the public and private institutions of higher education in Oregon  
 43 familiar with technological advancements and grant opportunities;

44 (e) Serve as liaisons between businesses seeking to locate or expand in the region and appro-  
 45 priate governmental, university, community college and industry representatives to assist and part-

1 ner with the businesses in their developmental efforts;

2 (f) Assemble regional rapid response teams that include regional departmental staff and repre-  
 3 sentatives of local governments in the region to work with businesses seeking to locate or expand  
 4 in the region by facilitating developmental procedures and eliminating obstacles to completion of  
 5 projects;

6 (g) Assign specific responsibilities for and monitor progress of rapid response team members  
 7 toward completion of tasks essential to the achievement of a successful outcome of a project for all  
 8 parties involved;

9 (h) Coordinate meetings between businesses seeking to locate or expand in the region and the  
 10 members of rapid response teams to establish and monitor the adherence to developmental timelines  
 11 and to ensure satisfaction with services provided;

12 (i) Deliver to local units of government and the private sector the assistance and services  
 13 available from the department, including publications, research and technical and financial assist-  
 14 ance programs; and

15 (j) Promote local awareness of department policy and department programs and services and of  
 16 assistance and economic incentives available from government at all levels.

17 (3) Process requests received by state agencies and interested parties for information pertaining  
 18 to industrial and commercial locations and relocations throughout the state.

19 (4) Consult and advise with, coordinate activities of, and give technical assistance and encour-  
 20 agement to, state and local organizations, including local development corporations, county, city,  
 21 and metropolitan-area committees, chambers of commerce, labor organizations and similar agencies  
 22 interested in obtaining new industrial plants or commercial enterprises.

23 (5) Act as the state's official liaison agency between persons interested in locating industrial  
 24 or business firms in the state, and state and local groups seeking new industry or business, main-  
 25 taining the confidential nature of the negotiations it conducts as requested by persons contemplating  
 26 location in the state.

27 (6) Coordinate state and federal economic and community development programs.

28 (7) Consult and advise with, coordinate activities of, and give technical assistance and encour-  
 29 agement to all parties including, but not limited to, port districts within the state working in the  
 30 field of international trade or interested in promoting their own trading activity.

31 (8) Provide advice and technical assistance to Oregon business and labor.

32 (9) Collect and disseminate information regarding the advantages of developing new business  
 33 and expanding existing business in the state.

34 (10) Aid local communities in planning for and obtaining new business to locate therein and  
 35 provide assistance in local applications for federal development grants.

36 (11) Work actively to recruit domestic and international business firms to those communities  
 37 that desire such recruitment.

38 (12) In carrying out its duties under ORS chapters 285A, 285B and 285C and ORS 329.905 to  
 39 329.975, give priority to assisting small businesses in this state by encouraging the creation of new  
 40 businesses, the expansion of existing businesses and the retention of economically distressed busi-  
 41 nesses which are economically viable.

42 (13) Establish and operate foreign trade offices in those foreign countries in which the depart-  
 43 ment considers a foreign trade office necessary using department employees, contracts with public  
 44 or private persons or a combination of department employees and contractors. Department employ-  
 45 ees, including managers, who are assigned to work in a foreign trade office shall be in the unclas-

1 sified service, and the director shall set the salaries of those persons. Foreign trade offices shall  
2 provide one or more of the following services:

3 (a) Work with the private sector to assist them in finding international markets for their goods  
4 and services;

5 (b) Work with local units of government to assist them in locating foreign businesses within  
6 their jurisdiction;

7 (c) Promote awareness in foreign countries of department policy, programs and services and of  
8 assistance and economic incentives available from government at all levels; or

9 (d) Provide other assistance considered necessary by the director.

10 **(14) In carrying out its duties under ORS chapter 285A, 285B and 285C and ORS 329.905**  
11 **to 329.975, require recipients of economic development assistance from state funds for**  
12 **workforce, housing and public transit development projects to consider and plan for access**  
13 **to quality, affordable child care.**

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