

House Bill 3418

Sponsored by Representative BUTLER

SUMMARY

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Establishes Oregon Main Street Program in State Parks and Recreation Department to encourage preservation of historic character of commercial neighborhoods.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to Oregon Main Street Program.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) There is established within the State Parks and Recreation Department**
5 **the Oregon Main Street Program.**

6 **(2) The purposes of the program include the following:**

7 **(a) To assist communities in restoring and retaining the historic character of downtown**
8 **areas and historic commercial districts;**

9 **(b) To stimulate business investment, assist in retaining existing small businesses and**
10 **promote new businesses in downtown areas and historic commercial districts;**

11 **(c) To strengthen the local tax base;**

12 **(d) To create employment opportunities in downtown areas and historic commercial dis-**
13 **tricts;**

14 **(e) To stimulate heritage tourism; and**

15 **(f) To enhance the economic viability of downtown areas and historic commercial dis-**
16 **tricts.**

17 **SECTION 2. To carry out the objectives of the Oregon Main Street Program, the State**
18 **Parks and Recreation Department shall:**

19 **(1) Assist local governments and historic commercial districts in establishing and imple-**
20 **menting downtown revitalization programs;**

21 **(2) Provide technical assistance with building and streetscape design, marketing and**
22 **promotions, economic assessments and analyses, and organizational development;**

23 **(3) Coordinate the delivery of services and programs from other state agencies and or-**
24 **ganizations;**

25 **(4) Contract for services the department determines are necessary to meet local needs;**

26 **(5) Provide grant funding, as available, to assist local programs and projects; and**

27 **(6) Conduct training for prospective and current program participants.**

28 **SECTION 3. (1) In performing its duties for the Oregon Main Street Program, the State**
29 **Parks and Recreation Department may:**

30 **(a) Conduct hearings and conferences to develop facts, to explain programs and activities**
31 **and to obtain advice.**

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 **(b) Enter into agreements with other public agencies and with associations and individ-**
2 **uals for services that will assist the program.**

3 **(c) Enter into agreements with other public agencies of Oregon or with agencies of other**
4 **states or the federal government, and with private corporations, associations and individuals**
5 **in Oregon or other states for cooperative endeavors that further the objectives of the pro-**
6 **gram.**

7 **(d) Make grants to local agencies, to associations or to individuals for the development**
8 **and conservation of programs or projects in accordance with policies and procedures adopted**
9 **under this section.**

10 **(2) In carrying out the purposes of the Oregon Main Street Program under sections 1 to**
11 **3 of this 2007 Act, in addition to the other powers granted, the department:**

12 **(a) Shall appoint, as needed, committees, consultants, architects and other persons ex-**
13 **pert in subjects of concern to the program to advise and assist the department in adminis-**
14 **tering the program.**

15 **(b) May obtain from any state agency necessary assistance and data, to the extent per-**
16 **mitted by laws relating to confidentiality.**

17 **(c) May perform other acts necessary to carry out the department's duties.**

18 **(3)(a) The department shall adopt rules governing the operation of the program.**

19 **(b) The department shall consult with the Economic and Community Development De-**
20 **partment, Travel Oregon and other state agencies and organizations involved in community**
21 **development, economic development, heritage tourism and historic preservation to ensure**
22 **that the program meets local needs and, to the extent possible, is compatible with the prin-**
23 **ciples of the Main Street Program developed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.**

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