

House Bill 3509

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires persons obtaining economic development assistance from Economic and Community Development Department to verify that employees may lawfully work in United States.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to Economic and Community Development Department; creating new provisions; and
3 amending ORS 285A.090.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 285A.090 is amended to read:

6 285A.090. The Economic and Community Development Department shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (e) Serve as liaisons between businesses seeking to locate or expand in the region and appro-
26 priate governmental, university, community college and industry representatives to assist and part-
27 ner with the businesses in their developmental efforts;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

33 (12) In carrying out its duties under ORS chapters 285A, 285B and 285C and ORS 329.905 to
 34 329.975, give priority to assisting small businesses in this state by encouraging the creation of new
 35 businesses, the expansion of existing businesses and the retention of economically distressed busi-
 36 nesses which are economically viable.

37 (13) Establish and operate foreign trade offices in those foreign countries in which the depart-
 38 ment considers a foreign trade office necessary using department employees, contracts with public
 39 or private persons or a combination of department employees and contractors. Department employ-
 40 ees, including managers, who are assigned to work in a foreign trade office shall be in the unclas-
 41 sified service, and the director shall set the salaries of those persons. Foreign trade offices shall
 42 provide one or more of the following services:

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

45 (b) Work with local units of government to assist them in locating foreign businesses within

1 their jurisdiction;

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

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

5 **(14)(a) In carrying out its duties under ORS chapters 285A, 285B and 285C and ORS**
6 **329.905 to 329.975, require recipients of economic development assistance from state funds**
7 **to verify that each person under the recipient's employ is lawfully authorized to work in the**
8 **United States.**

9 **(b) Require a recipient of economic development assistance to repay the value of the as-**
10 **sistance received if the recipient employs a person who is not lawfully authorized to work in**
11 **the United States while the recipient receives assistance. A recipient that employs a person**
12 **who is not lawfully authorized to work in the United States may not receive economic as-**
13 **sistance from the department for a period of five years from the date the person's unlawful**
14 **employment is discovered.**

15 **(c) Adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this subsection.**

16 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 285A.090 by section 1 of this 2007 Act apply to**
17 **economic assistance provided on or after the effective date of this 2007 Act.**

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