# Senate Bill 350

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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.** 

Modifies administrative provisions for economic and community development. Revises economic and community development programs.

Establishes Community Investment Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys from fund to Economic and Community Development Department. Establishes Innovation Acceleration Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys from fund to department for specified purposes.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

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2 Relating to economic development; creating new provisions; amending ORS 184.632, 238.015, 238A.005, 276.285, 284.540, 284.706, 285A.010, 285A.020, 285A.040, 285A.045, 285A.050, 285A.055, 3 285A.070, 285A.075, 285A.095, 285A.190, 285A.206, 285A.224, 285A.340, 285A.346, 285A.349, 4 5 285A.486, 285B.050, 285B.053, 285B.056, 285B.059, 285B.062, 285B.083, 285B.092, 285B.093, 285B.123, 285B.126, 285B.129, 285B.132, 285B.135, 285B.138, 285B.141, 285B.147, 285B.165, 6 285B.168, 285B.174, 285B.178, 285B.179, 285B.200, 285B.203, 285B.206, 285B.209, 285B.215, 285B.218, 285B.230, 285B.236, 285B.239, 285B.242, 285B.245, 285B.260, 285B.263, 285B.264, 8 9 285B.320, 285B.323, 285B.326, 285B.329, 285B.503, 285B.530, 285B.533, 285B.551, 285B.740, 285B.743, 285B.752, 286.560, 286.585, 320.335, 329.115, 329.155, 390.063, 401.808, 417.705, 417.797, 10 431.120, 461.540, 468B.415, 541.700, 541.755, 541.845, 576.768, 657.665, 777.760, 777.953 and 778.008; 11 repealing ORS 285A.125, 285A.131, 285A.133, 285A.136, 285A.139, 285A.141, 285A.150, 285A.153, 12 13 285A.156, 285A.159, 285A.162, 285A.165, 285A.168, 285A.170, 285A.174, 285A.185, 285A.188, 285A.203, 285A.209, 285A.255, 285A.258, 285A.261, 285A.264, 285A.267, 285A.269, 285A.271, 14 285A.272, 285A.274, 285A.277, 285A.279, 285A.282, 285A.288, 285A.600, 285A.603, 285A.606, 15 16 285A.609, 285A.612, 285A.615, 285A.618, 285A.624, 285A.627, 285A.630, 285A.633, 285A.654, 17 285A.657, 285A.660, 285A.666, 285A.669, 285A.672, 285A.675, 285A.678, 285A.681, 285A.684, 285A.687, 285A.690, 285A.693, 285A.696, 285A.699, 285A.702, 285A.705, 285A.708, 285A.709, 18 285A.711, 285A.732, 285B.071, 285B.074, 285B.077, 285B.095, 285B.139, 285B.144, 285B.150, 19 20 285B.159, 285B.162, 285B.166, 285B.183, 285B.212, 285B.254, 285B.257, 285B.332, 285B.410, 285B.413, 285B.419, 285B.422, 285B.428, 285B.437, 285B.440, 285B.449, 285B.455, 285B.458, 21 22 285B.460, 285B.462, 285B.465, 285B.467, 285B.470, 285B.473, 285B.476, 285B.479, 285B.482, 23 285B.560, 285B.563, 285B.566, 285B.569, 285B.572, 285B.575, 285B.578, 285B.581, 285B.584, 285B.587, 285B.590, 285B.593, 285B.596, 285B.599 and 285B.755; appropriating money; and de-24 25 claring an emergency.

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

#### ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

**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.

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**SECTION 1.** ORS 285A.010 is amended to read:

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- 2 285A.010. As used in ORS chapters 285A, 285B and 285C, unless the context requires otherwise:
- 3 (1) "Commission" means the Oregon Economic and Community Development Commission.
  - (2) "Community" means an area or locality in which the body of inhabitants has common economic or employment interests. The term is not limited to a city, county or other political subdivision and need not, but may be, limited by political boundaries.
    - (3) "Department" means the Economic and Community Development Department.
    - (4) "Director" means the Director of the Economic and Community Development Department.
  - (5) "Distressed area" means a county, city, community or other geographic area that is designated as a distressed area by the department, based on indicators of economic distress or dislocation, including but not limited to unemployment, poverty and job loss.
  - (6) "International trade" means the export and import of products and services and the movement of capital for the purpose of investment.
  - (7) "Rural area" means an area located entirely outside of the acknowledged Portland Metropolitan Area Regional Urban Growth Boundary and the acknowledged urban growth boundaries of [the] cities with populations of 30,000 or more [in population, including Albany, Bend, Corvallis, Eugene, Springfield, Salem, Keizer or Medford].
    - (8) "Rural community" means a community located in a rural area.
  - (9) "Traded sector" means industries in which member firms sell their goods or services into markets for which national or international competition exists.
    - (10) "Small business" means a business having 100 or fewer employees.
- SECTION 2. ORS 285A.020 is amended to read:
- 23 285A.020. [(1) The Legislative Assembly finds that:]
  - [(a) Oregon's economy continues to experience change and adjustment that greatly affect the well-being of its citizens.]
  - [(b) The state has a need for continuing economic development to help provide the jobs for its citizens that lead to community vitality and a high quality of life.]
    - [(2) The Legislative Assembly further finds that:]
  - [(a) Oregon's human resources constitute a major asset in the state's effort to promote economic expansion and improvement.]
  - [(b) Oregon's natural resources provide ample opportunities for productive and beneficial economic enterprise.]
  - [(c) Oregon's location on the growing economy of the Pacific Rim provides substantial opportunities and challenges in international trade.]
  - [(d) Oregon's special heritage, its respect for and cultivation of its environment and its quality of life are a unique and sustaining virtue that will both guide and assist in maintaining the state's economic health.]
  - [(3)] (1) It is the purpose of ORS chapters 285A, 285B and 285C to promote [the improvement of Oregon's economy to better provide for the well-being of its citizens] the advancement of Oregon's economy.
  - (2) The Legislative Assembly declares that it is the immediate economic strategy of the state to:
    - (a) Create investment opportunities and attract jobs;
    - (b) Promote innovation and research to improve the national and global competitiveness of Oregon companies; and

- (c) Assist communities to build the capacity to attract, retain and expand businesses, including financing necessary infrastructure.
- (3) To [that end] promote the advancement of the Oregon economy and implement the immediate economic strategy of the state, the Economic and Community Development Department shall invest resources in accordance with the following principles:
- (a) Structures and processes for making public investments and dealing with local and regional issues must be designed flexibly so that actions can adapt to the constantly changing conditions and demands under which communities and businesses operate.
- (b) Partnerships among local, state and federal, public and private players should be used to set direction, develop projects and set priorities.
- (c) The expected impact of public investments at all levels should be explicitly identified, in terms of measurable outcomes, whenever possible.
- (d) State, federal and community goals, constraints and obligations should be identified at the beginning of the public investment planning process, and the state should work actively with communities and regions to accomplish their mutual objectives.
  - (4) [The Legislative Assembly declares that it is the immediate economic strategy of the state to:]
- [(a) Focus on Oregonians in communities that are rural, economically distressed or lack diverse employment opportunities, including providing assistance in recruiting jobs from outside the community or state and financing necessary infrastructure;]
  - [(b) Assist Oregonians who are underemployed or in low income jobs;]
  - [(c) Assist start-up companies and companies already doing business in Oregon;]
- [(d) Help regions that are committed to making strong progress toward an integrated structure and process for strategic planning and project development; and]
- [(e) Focus on strategies and investments that maximize the economic benefit to the state of the global shift to an information, science and technology driven economy and on industries and companies that make significant use of the high-capacity telecommunications, science and technology-related manufacturing processes or knowledge transfer typical of these emerging economic sectors.] When the Economic and Community Development Department provides funds for projects, programs, technical assistance or otherwise pursuant to ORS chapters 285A, 285B and 285C and ORS 329.905 to 329.975, the department shall give priority to:
- (a) Assisting counties, cities, communities or other geographic areas that are designated as distressed areas by the department; and
- (b) Assisting small businesses in Oregon by encouraging the creation of new businesses, expanding existing businesses and retaining economically distressed businesses that are economically viable.

SECTION 3. ORS 285A.040 is amended to read:

- 285A.040. (1) There is established the Oregon Economic and Community Development Commission consisting of [seven] **nine** members appointed as follows:
- (a) One nonvoting, ex officio member appointed from among the members of the Senate by the President of the Senate;
- (b) One nonvoting, ex officio member appointed from among the members of the House of Representatives by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and
- (c) [Five] **Seven** members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate in the manner prescribed in ORS 171.562 and 171.565. The Governor shall appoint members of the commission in compliance with all of the following:

- (A) Members shall be appointed with [due] consideration given to representation of the different geographic regions of the state, and at least [one member shall be a resident] two members shall be residents of the area east of the Cascade Range.
- (B) Not more than [three] four members [shall] may belong to one political party. Party affiliation shall be determined by the appropriate entry on official election registration cards.
- (C) [At least one member shall be an individual with substantial experience or training in international trade or an individual who, at the time of appointment, is involved in international trade. The member's experience or involvement in international trade may include importing or exporting goods into or from the State of Oregon.] Members shall be appointed with consideration given to representation of the following areas of expertise or training:
  - (i) International trade;
    - (ii) Small business needs and issues;
    - (iii) Local government needs and issues;
- (iv) Marketing and branding;
- 15 (v) Arts and culture;
  - (vi) Finance;

- (vii) Innovation;
- (viii) Telecommunications; or
- (ix) Other areas of training or expertise identified by the commission.
- (2)(a) The term of office of each member appointed by the Governor is four years, but a member serves at the pleasure of the Governor. Before the expiration of the term of a member appointed by the Governor, the Governor shall appoint a successor whose term begins on July 1 next following. A member appointed by the Governor is eligible for reappointment. In case of a vacancy among the members appointed by the Governor for any cause, the Governor shall appoint a person to fill the office for the unexpired term.
- (b) The term of office of the member appointed by the President of the Senate is four years. In case of a vacancy for any cause, the President of the Senate shall appoint a Senator to fill the office for the unexpired term.
- (c) The term of office of the member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives is two years. In case of a vacancy for any cause, the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint a Representative to fill the office for the unexpired term.
- (3) A member of the commission who is appointed by the Governor is entitled to compensation and expenses as provided by ORS 292.495.
- (4) The Governor shall appoint one of the voting commissioners as presiding officer of the commission. The presiding officer shall have duties and powers as the commission determines are necessary for the office.
- (5) [Three] Four voting members of the commission constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- (6) The commission shall meet at least quarterly at a time and place determined by the commission. The commission shall also meet at [such] other times and places as are specified by the call of the presiding officer or by the call of a majority of the voting members of the commission.
- (7) A vacancy among the voting members of the commission does not impair the right of the remaining voting commissioners to exercise all the powers of the commission. If the remaining voting commissioners are unable to agree, the Governor shall have the right to vote as a member of the commission.

# **SECTION 4.** ORS 285A.045 is amended to read:

285A.045. [(1) As its primary duty, the Oregon Economic and Community Development Commission shall develop and maintain an economic and community development policy for this state that implements the strategy declared in ORS 285A.020 (4) and that includes policies that:]

- [(a) Maintain and create jobs that raise real wage levels of Oregon workers.]
- [(b) Increase the skill levels of the Oregon workforce.]
- [(c) Improve the competitiveness of this state's traded sector industries, including industries characterized by significant use of high-capacity telecommunications, science and technology-related manufacturing processes or knowledge transfer, and achieve benchmarks for those industries established by the Oregon Progress Board.]
  - [(d) Invest public moneys in a manner that produces the greatest possible return on investment.]
- [(e) Support statewide and regional strategies to develop and maintain the infrastructure necessary to support and strengthen the economy of this state.]
  - [(f) Identify and eliminate barriers that impede the competitiveness of Oregon businesses.]
- [(g) Encourage expansion of existing Oregon businesses and the attraction of new business and industry to those communities that desire such development, with particular attention to industries characterized by significant use of high-capacity telecommunications, science and technology-related manufacturing processes or knowledge transfer.]
- [(h) Encourage investment in infrastructure projects, including electronic, communications and financial resource projects, that benefit Internet-based entities and employees and encourage the entities and employees to relocate to or remain in Oregon.]
- [(i) Assist in the development of microenterprise businesses in Oregon, including increasing the availability of training and technical assistance available to serve microenterprises.]
- [(2) It is the function of the Oregon Economic and Community Development Commission to establish the policies for economic and community development in this state in a manner consistent with the policies and purposes set forth in this section and ORS 285A.050. In addition, the commission shall perform any other duty vested in it by law.]
- (1) The Oregon Economic and Community Development Commission shall provide oversight and direction to the Economic and Community Development Department in carrying out the duties and creating policies to further the economic strategy set forth in ORS 285A.020. In addition, the commission may perform any other duty vested in it by law.
- [(3)] (2) The commission shall keep complete and accurate records of all the meetings, transactions and business of the commission at the office of the Economic and Community Development Department.
- (3) When a power, duty or function is vested in the commission, the commission may designate department officers, agents, employees or committee members to exercise the power, duty or function of the commission. When the commission designates a person in writing to exercise a power, duty or function of the commission, the person may exercise the power, duty or function.
- [(4) The commission shall set policy for and monitor programs relating to economic development and rural and community development and such other programs related to economic and community development that may be assigned by law to the department.]
  - [(5)] (4) In carrying out its duties under subsection (1) of this section, the commission shall[:]
- [(a) Place priority on those policies that achieve benchmarks established by the Oregon Progress Board; and]

[(b)] coordinate its activities with the policies of the **Economic Revitalization Team, the** Education and Workforce Policy Advisor and the policymaking bodies of the Housing and Community Services Department, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Environmental Quality, the Department of Land Conservation and Development and the Employment Department, as well as other appropriate state and federal agencies.

#### SECTION 5. ORS 285A.050 is amended to read:

- 285A.050. (1) The Oregon Economic and Community Development Commission shall report [annually] biennially to the Governor and the Legislative Assembly on the success of economic development efforts. The report[,] shall include the progress toward achievement of performance measures for the Economic and Community Development Department adopted by the Legislative Assembly. At a minimum, the report shall include the following:
- (a) For the overall Economic and Community Development Department effort and for each identifiable program and [significant project or service] funding source:
- [(A) The impact of that program on the competitiveness of traded sector industries and the skill levels of the Oregon workforce;]
  - [(B)] (A) The [impact on the] number of jobs[, including jobs] created and retained;
- [(C)] (B) The [impact on the] average wage levels of [Oregon workers, including increases in wage levels] jobs created and retained; and
- [(D)] (C) [The actual or anticipated impact of public investments at all levels, in terms of measurable outcomes wherever possible; and] Other measures identified by the commission.
  - [(E) The impact of that program on the Internet-based entities and employees in Oregon.]
- (b) The status of the Oregon economy related to[:]
- [(A)] changes in employment and wage levels [in Oregon industries;].
  - [(B) Changes in employment, wage levels and competitiveness of traded sector industries; and]
- [(C) Barriers that have been identified as impeding business competitiveness and productivity in this state.]
  - [(c) Progress made toward achievement of the Oregon Benchmarks.]
  - [(d) Recommendations for removing identified barriers and additional suggestions for improving the performance of Oregon's economy.]
    - [(e) Recommendations on this state's investment in its public ports, on this state's response to policy issues that affect ports and for the strategic development of port facilities that promote maritime commerce, recreational opportunities and the economy of Oregon.]
      - [(f)] (c) Progress made toward elimination of economically distressed areas of this state.
  - [(g)] (d) [Recommendations regarding] **Progress made toward** improving the international competitiveness of Oregon.
  - [(h)] (e) Progress made in serving small and microenterprise businesses and recommendations for increasing the success of [microenterprises] small and microenterprise businesses.
    - (f) Other issues identified by the commission.
  - [(2) Whenever a power is granted to the commission, the power may be exercised by such officers, employees or commission-appointed committees as are designated in writing by the commission.]
- [(3)] (2) Reports to the Legislative Assembly required under this section shall be made in accordance with ORS 192.245.
  - **SECTION 6.** ORS 285A.055 is amended to read:
  - 285A.055. Prior to the approval of bond financing of economic development projects under ORS 285B.320 to 285B.371[, the making of a loan under ORS 285A.666 to 285A.732] or the making of any

loan or the granting of any moneys from any source, the Oregon Economic and Community Development Commission, or the Economic and Community Development Department as the designee of the commission, shall:

- (1) Determine that the action is cost effective, considering both major public expenses and major public benefits;
- (2) Find that the project will produce goods or services which are sold in markets for which national or international competition exists or, if the project is to be constructed and operated by a nonprofit organization, that the project will not compete with local for-profit businesses;
- (3) Determine that the action is the best use of the moneys involved, considering other pending applications for those moneys;
- (4) Find that the project involved is consistent with the Economic and Community Development Department's comprehensive policy and programs; and
- (5) Find that the project involved is consistent with applicable adopted local economic development plans[; and].
  - [(6) Provide for public notice of, and public comment on, the action.]
  - SECTION 7. ORS 285A.070 is amended to read:

- 285A.070. (1) The Economic and Community Development Department is [continued, but reorganized as provided in this section] established.
- [(2) The Economic and Community Development Department shall be organized by the Director of the Economic and Community Development Department in whatever manner the director considers necessary to conduct the work of the department efficiently and effectively, subject to approval by the Oregon Economic and Community Development Commission.]
- [(3)] (2) The department shall be under the supervision of the Director of the Economic and Community Development Department, who shall be appointed by and shall hold office at the pleasure of the Governor.
- [(4)] (3) The appointment of the director shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate in the manner provided by ORS 171.562 and 171.565.
- (4) Subject to policy direction by the Oregon Economic and Community Development Commission, the director shall:
  - (a) Be the administrative head of the department;
  - (b) Administer the laws of the state relating to economic development; and
- (c) Intervene, as authorized by the commission, pursuant to the rules of practice and procedure, in the proceedings of state and federal agencies that may substantially affect economic development within Oregon.
- (5) In addition to duties otherwise required by law, and subject to policy direction by the commission, the director shall prescribe rules for the government of the department, the conduct of its employees, the assignment and performance of its business and the custody, use and preservation of its records, papers and property in a manner consistent with applicable law.
- (6) The director shall organize the department in whatever manner the director considers necessary to conduct the work of the department efficiently and effectively, subject to approval by the commission.
- [(5)] (7) The director may appoint all subordinate officers and employees of the department and may prescribe their duties, assignments and reassignments and fix their compensation, subject to any applicable provisions of the State Personnel Relations Law. Subject to any other applicable law

regulating travel expenses, the officers and employees of the department shall be allowed such reasonable and necessary travel and other expenses as may be incurred in the performance of their duties.

- (8) The director may delegate the exercise or discharge of any power, duty or function that is vested in or imposed by law upon the director to any department employee for the purpose of conducting an official act in the name of the director. The official act of any person acting in the name of the director by the authority of the director is an official act of the director.
- (9) The director may require a fidelity bond of any officer or employee of the department who has charge of, handles or has access to any state money or property, and who is not otherwise required by law to give a bond. The director shall fix the amount of the bond, except as otherwise provided by law, and approve the sureties. The department shall pay the premiums on the bond.
- [(6)] (10) The Oregon Economic and Community Development Commission shall report periodically to the Governor on the director's performance and make appropriate recommendations.

**SECTION 8.** ORS 285A.075 is amended to read:

285A.075. [(1) The Economic and Community Development Department, through research, promotion and coordination of activities in this state, shall foster the most desirable growth and geographical distribution of agriculture, industry and commerce in the state. The department shall serve as a central coordinating agency and clearinghouse for activities and information concerning the resources and economy of the state.]

- (1) The Economic and Community Development Department shall:
- (a) Implement programs and adopt rules in accordance with applicable provisions of ORS chapter 183 that are consistent and necessary to carry out the policies established by the Oregon Economic and Community Development Commission and the duties, functions and powers vested by law in the department.
- (b) Provide field representatives for the various geographic regions of the state. The field representatives shall be in the unclassified service and shall receive a salary as set by the Director of the Economic and Community Development Department, unless otherwise provided by law.
- (c) Act as the official state liaison agency for persons interested in locating industrial or business firms in the state and for state and local groups seeking new industry or business, and maintain the confidentiality of negotiations conducted pursuant to this paragraph, if requested.
  - (d) Coordinate state and federal economic and community development programs.
- (e) Administer the state's participation in the federal Community Development Block Grant funding program authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.
- (f) Actively recruit domestic and international business firms to those communities desiring business recruitment.
- (g) Consult with local governments to establish regions for the purpose of job development and community assistance to facilitate economic activities in the region. Regions established for this purpose need not be of the same size in geographic area or population.
- (h) Establish and operate foreign trade offices in foreign countries in which the department considers a foreign trade office necessary. The department shall use department employees, contracts with public or private persons or a combination of employees and

contractors to establish and operate foreign trade offices. Department employees, including managers, who are assigned to work in a foreign trade office shall be in the unclassified service, and the director shall set the salaries of such employees. ORS 276.428, 279A.120, 279A.140, 279A.155, 279A.275, 279B.025, 279B.235, 279B.270, 279B.280, 279C.370, 279C.500 to 279C.530, 279C.540, 279C.545, 279C.800 to 279C.870, 282.020, 282.050, 282.210, 282.220, 282.230, 283.140, 459A.475, 459A.490, 653.268 and 653.269 do not apply to the department's operation of foreign trade offices outside the state.

- (i) Consult with other state agencies and with local agencies and officials prior to defining or designating distressed areas for purposes of ORS 285A.020.
- [(2) The department shall have no regulatory power over the activities of private persons. Its functions shall be solely advisory, coordinative and promotional.]
- [(3) The department shall Administer the state's participation in the federal Community Development Block Grant funding program authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.]
- [(4) In order to accomplish the purposes of ORS chapters 285A, 285B and 285C and ORS 329.905 to 329.975, the department may expend moneys duly budgeted to pay the travel and various other expenses of industrial or commercial site location agents, film or video production location agents, business journal writers, elected state officials or other state personnel whom the Director of the Economic and Community Development Department determines may promote the purposes of this subsection.]
- (j) Budget moneys for travel and various other expenses of industrial or commercial site location agents, film or video production location agents, business journal writers, elected state officials or other state personnel to accomplish the purposes of ORS chapters 285A, 285B and 285C and ORS 329.905 to 329.975. The department may expend moneys duly budgeted to pay the travel and other expenses of such persons, if the director determines the expense may promote the purposes of this subsection.
  - (k) Promulgate rules to govern contracts for personal services.
- (L) Develop strategies to address issues that are necessary and appropriate to Oregon's future and adopt goals that include measurable indicators of success (Oregon benchmarks) that show the extent to which each goal is being achieved.
- [(5) In accordance with applicable provisions of ORS chapter 183, the department may adopt rules necessary for the administration of laws that the department is charged with administering.]
- [(6) ORS 276.428, 279A.120, 279A.140, 279A.155, 279A.275, 279B.025, 279B.235, 279B.270, 279B.280, 279C.370, 279C.500 to 279C.530, 279C.540, 279C.545, 279C.800 to 279C.870, 282.020, 282.050, 282.210, 282.220, 282.230, 283.140, 459A.475, 459A.490, 653.268 and 653.269 do not apply to the department's operation of foreign trade offices outside the state.]
- (2) The department shall have no regulatory power over the activities of private persons. Its functions shall be solely advisory, coordinative and promotional.
- [(7)] (3) Notwithstanding ORS 279A.140, the department may award grants or enter into contracts [for personal services] as necessary or appropriate to carry out the duties, functions and powers vested in the department by law. Contracts entered into under this subsection are exempt from the requirements of ORS 279.835 to 279.855 and ORS chapters 279A, 279B and 279C. The department shall promulgate rules governing contracts for personal services.
- [(8)(a) The department may contract directly with the Oregon Downtown Development Association, or its successor entity, to provide downtown development and redevelopment assistance and similar services to municipalities in Oregon.]
  - [(b) The department may contract directly with Rural Development Initiatives, or its successor en-

tity, to provide training, technical assistance, planning assistance and other support and services to municipalities in Oregon to build economic and community development capacity.]

- [(c) Contracts entered into under this subsection are exempt from the requirements of ORS 279.835 to 279.855 and ORS chapters 279A, 279B and 279C.]
- [(9) If the director determines that moneys are available, the department may transfer funds from the Special Public Works Fund created under ORS 285B.455 or from the Water Fund established under ORS 285B.563 to a state agency to provide financial assistance in the delivery of technical assistance or other services to one or more water systems for evaluation of water quality or services or for planning the improvement of water quality or services. The department may structure the financial assistance under this subsection in the form of an interagency grant or loan or in any other manner the director considers necessary or appropriate.]

# SECTION 9. ORS 285A.206 is amended to read:

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285A.206. (1) In each calendar year, the Economic and Community Development Department shall prepare, in accordance with generally accepted governmental accounting principles, a financial statement for individual funding programs as required by law. [relating to each of the following funds:]

- [(a) The Special Public Works Fund created by ORS 285B.455;]
- [(b) The Title I Bank Fund established by ORS 285A.306;]
- [(c) The Oregon Business Development Fund created by ORS 285B.092;]
- [(d) The Oregon Port Revolving Fund created by ORS 285A.708; and]
- [(e) Any other fund or account that is used by the department or Oregon Economic and Community Development Commission to make loans or loan guarantees or to provide other financial assistance to private business firms organized for profit.]
- (2) The financial statements required by this section shall record and summarize all the financial transactions during the reporting period that involved moneys credited to a fund or account and shall describe the financial condition of the fund or an account at the end of the reporting period. The reporting period for financial statements required by this section shall be the fiscal year commencing on July 1 and ending on June 30.
- (3) The financial statements required by this section shall be in a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.
- (4) Each financial statement required by this section shall describe the financial transactions and condition of a single fund and shall be submitted to the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives not later than December 31 in each year.

#### **BROWNFIELDS TASK FORCE**

# SECTION 10. The Legislative Assembly finds that:

- (1) It is in the interests of the state to provide for the protection of public health and safety and for the protection of the environment and to foster the remediation, transfer, reuse or redevelopment of sites or groups of sites on which the threatened release of petroleum or other hazardous substances exists. The minimization of risk to public health and the environment on a commercial and industrial site offers significant potential economic benefit to local communities and is vital to their use and reuse as sources of employment, housing, recreation and open space areas while contributing to Oregon's overall sustainability.
  - (2) Unknown environmental liabilities and the cost of environmental site assessment and

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cleanup prevent communities, developers and investors from restoring contaminated properties to productive economic reuse or revitalization of impacted neighborhoods. Banks and traditional financing sources remain reluctant to finance these costs. Providing financial assistance to eligible property owners that conduct voluntary cleanups will promote the economic revitalization of property, particularly in rural communities. Therefore, it is in the interests of the state to establish financial incentives through credits, abatements or insurance that encourage private investment.

<u>SECTION 11.</u> (1) There is created the Task Force on Brownfields Tax Incentives and Insurance, consisting of at least seven members appointed by the Director of the Economic and Community Development Department as follows:

- (a) One member from the Economic and Community Development Department;
- (b) One member from the Department of Environmental Quality;
- (c) One member from the Department of Consumer and Business Services;
- (d) One member from the Department of Revenue; and

- (e) Three or more members, who, by reason of education or experience in environmental issues, recycling, development, financing or another field related to the purposes of the task force, are qualified to serve.
- (2) The director, in consultation with the task force chairperson, shall develop a work plan consisting of a list of subjects for study by the task force. The task force, by official action, may request a modification of the work plan. Only the director, after consultation with the chairperson, may modify the work plan.
- (3) The list of subjects for study by the task force shall include a study of funding and programmatic strategies that now exist or may be established to provide financial incentives through credits, abatements or insurance to facilitate voluntary recycling and productive reuse of contaminated industrial and commercial properties within the state.
- (4) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.
- (5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members of the task force.
  - (6) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.
- (7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the director shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.
- (8) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the members of the task force.
  - (9) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.
- (10) The task force shall submit a report, and may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee related to Brownfields issues, including but not limited to the interim committee on Economic Development, as appropriate, no later than October 1, 2008.
- (11) The Economic and Community Development Department shall provide staff support to the task force.
- (12) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Economic and Community Development

Department for that purpose.

(13) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force consider necessary to perform their duties.

SECTION 12. Sections 10 and 11 of this 2007 Act are repealed on the date of the convening of the next regular biennial legislative session.

**BUSINESS RETENTION FUND** 

# SECTION 13. ORS 285A.224 is amended to read:

285A.224. (1) [The Legislative Assembly finds that Oregon traded sector industries are experiencing a period of major change and disruption, and that this change is creating severe and unpredictable economic consequences for many communities and workers.] It is the purpose of the [Economic Stabilization and Conversion] Business Retention Fund to assist businesses, communities and workers affected by significant business transitions, economic dislocation or the possibility of economic dislocations to evaluate and implement alternative business or community opportunities and to focus on the long term survivability of businesses.

- (2) The [Economic Stabilization and Conversion] Business Retention Fund is created separate and distinct from the General Fund. The fund shall be administered by the Economic and Community Development Department. The fund may be credited with contributions of moneys from public and private sources and with repayments as provided in this section. Interest earned by the fund shall be credited to the fund.
- (3)(a) The [Economic and Community Development] department may allocate moneys in the fund for the following purposes:
  - (A) Business retention service;
  - (B) Employee ownership;
  - (C) Community response to plant closures or community distress, or both; and
  - (D) Feasibility studies, transition plans or restructuring plans.
- (b) The department shall establish the maximum percentage of the fund that may be allocated for the purposes described in paragraph (a) of this subsection and a minimum match requirement, if any.
- (4) The [Economic and Community Development] department may grant, expend or loan moneys in the fund for financial assistance, feasibility studies, transition plans, restructuring plans, technical assistance and management consulting services for business firms in transition, troubled firms that may close without assistance, for troubled firms that are experiencing major layoffs or firms that have actually closed or announced closure, and for communities that are experiencing distress due to the business closures [and for the purpose of encouraging employee ownership], under such terms and conditions as the department may determine.
- (5) The [Economic and Community Development] department shall provide that firms receiving assistance repay to the [Economic Stabilization and Conversion] Business Retention Fund any assistance provided under subsection (4) of this section. [Such provisions for repayment] When the department sets repayment terms for a firm receiving assistance, the department shall consider the financial ability of the firm to repay assistance.
  - (6) In providing assistance from the [Economic Stabilization and Conversion] Business Re-

tention Fund, the department shall give preference to Oregon's distressed areas and its traditional agriculture, forestry and fishing industries[, and]. The department shall give additional priority to areas including but not limited to emerging industries and industry clusters with high potential for job retention and creation and market growth, as well as traded sector firms competing in markets for which regional, national or international competition exists.

(7) The [Economic and Community Development] department shall establish specific criteria for expenditure of funds from the [Economic Stabilization and Conversion] Business Retention Fund by adopting rules.

#### ASSISTANCE TO SMALL BUSINESS SERVICE PROVIDERS

# SECTION 14. ORS 285A.340 is amended to read:

- 285A.340. [(1) The Legislative Assembly finds that:]
- [(a) Small businesses have been the major contributors to the increase in traded sector jobs in Oregon.]
- [(b) Small businesses continue to be a major source of employment opportunities for Oregon and that this state ought to encourage the success and growth of small businesses as a means of providing economic opportunities and jobs for Oregonians.]
- [(c) Oregon's women and minority-owned businesses are underrepresented in the business community.]
- [(d) Those small businesses which have at least one employee and which compete in markets for which national or international competition exists have the greatest potential for benefiting the economy of this state.]
- [(e) Access to appropriate business assistance services, rather than the cost of obtaining such services, is a factor limiting the expansion of many small businesses in this state.]
- [(f) Community-based lending programs are particularly well suited to meeting the needs of small businesses that are unable to obtain from private financial institutions the capital that is necessary for expansion.]
- [(g) An effective partnership between state and local economic development programs is essential to promoting the development of small businesses in this state.]
- [(2)] The Legislative Assembly [therefore] declares that it is [the policy of this state and] the purpose of ORS 285A.340 to 285A.349[, 285B.074, 285B.159 and 285B.162]:
- [(a)] (1) To assist the development of small businesses, with special emphasis on increasing the percentage of businesses owned by women and members of minority groups;
- [(b)] (2) To encourage competition among publicly supported small business service providers in order to supply the most effective, highest quality services to the greatest number of businesses for the most significant long term outcomes;
- [(c)] (3) To foster cooperation among state agencies, state-supported organizations and private sector entities that provide services to small businesses in order to best meet the needs of small business clients;
- [(d)] (4) To encourage and support the formation of private sector organizations, including trade associations, organizations formed to meet the needs of traded sector industries and similar groups, to serve the needs of the small businesses in this state and, to the maximum extent feasible, to coordinate the small business programs of this state and of such private sector organizations; and
  - [(e)] (5) To provide support for organizations that encourage and assist the development and

1 expansion of small businesses in Oregon.

#### **SECTION 15.** ORS 285A.346 is amended to read:

285A.346. (1)(a) The Economic and Community Development Department may purchase business assistance services from public or private organizations for delivery to small businesses in this state or may provide grants to public or private organizations to support, aid, stimulate or otherwise affect the delivery of business assistance services to small businesses in this state.

- (b) For the purposes of ORS 285A.340 to 285A.349, "business assistance services" includes:
- (A) Basic business training, including elements of accounting, personnel management, marketing and tax compliance.
- (B) Counseling on business needs and problems, including but not limited to specialized assistance with intellectual property rights, venture and mezzanine financing, federal research grants, international markets, lean manufacturing and electronic commerce.
  - (C) Assistance in securing state and federal procurement contracts.
  - (D) Assistance in securing Oregon suppliers for goods and services.
- (2) An organization or association that receives state moneys for the purpose of providing business assistance services to small businesses shall comply, to the greatest extent feasible, with the state policies established under ORS 285A.340 to 285A.349.
- (3) To the extent that federal laws or regulations impose requirements that limit the payment of fees by recipients of business assistance services to small businesses, the Economic and Community Development Department and the providers of those services shall apply for waivers of such federal requirements.

#### **SECTION 16.** ORS 285A.349 is amended to read:

285A.349. The Economic and Community Development Department shall evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of the delivery of business assistance services to small businesses [under ORS 285A.340 to 285A.349].

# SECTION 17. ORS 285B.123 is amended to read:

- 285B.123. [(1) The Legislative Assembly finds that:]
  - [(a) Small businesses comprise more than 97 percent of the business entities in this state.]
- [(b) Small businesses provide more than three-quarters of the private sector jobs in this state.]
- [(c) The small business contribution to the economy of this state exceeds the national average contribution and its continuance is vital to the economic health and growth of this state.]
- [(d) All national economic indicators establish that the greatest source of future new jobs is in the small business sector of the economy.]
- [(2)] (1) The purpose of the Oregon Small Business Development Act of 1983 is to encourage and assist the development and continued growth of small business in this state.
- [(3)] (2) As used in the Oregon Small Business Development Act of 1983, "small business" means a [manufacturing] business having [200] 100 or fewer employees [and all other forms of business having 50 or fewer employees].
- [(4) The provisions of ORS 285B.120 and 657.471 are intended to assist in carrying out the Oregon Small Business Development Act of 1983.]

# **SECTION 18.** ORS 285B.165 is amended to read:

285B.165. [(1)] The purpose of ORS 285B.165 to 285B.171 is to establish and sustain a statewide network of small business development centers.

- [(2) The Legislative Assembly finds that:]
- 45 [(a) It is in the state's interest to help small businesses develop and improve skills in such areas

- 1 as marketing, management and capital formation through a network of small business development 2 centers;]
- 3 [(b) Small business employers create most of the new jobs in Oregon and are vital to Oregon's long 4 term economic vitality;]
  - [(c) Community colleges and state universities can link small business with college resources, expert resource people in the business community and other training resources throughout the state; and]
  - [(d) Information resources, business counseling and training assistance in a convenient format support the vitality of small business.]

#### **SECTION 19.** ORS 285B.168 is amended to read:

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- 285B.168. (1) The Economic and Community Development Department may make grants available to a community college district, a community college service district or, with the concurrence of the Commissioner for Community College Services and the Chancellor of the Oregon University System, a state university to assist in the formation, improvement and operation of small business development centers. If a community college district, a community college service district or a state university is unable to adequately provide services in a specific geographic area, the department may make grants available to other service providers as determined by the department. The grant application shall include:
- (a) Plans for providing small business owners and managers individual counseling, to the greatest extent practicable, in subject areas critical to small business success;
- (b) A budget for the year for which a grant is requested, including cost apportionment among the Economic and Community Development Department, small business clients, the community college, state university or other service providers and other sources; [and]
  - (c) A plan for evaluating the effect of the program on small business clients served[.]; and
- (d) A plan for providing collaboration with other state agencies, state-supported organizations and private sector entities that provide services to small businesses.
- (2) The grants made under subsection (1) of this section are to be used by the grant recipient to provide funds for:
  - (a) Small business development center staff and support staff;
  - (b) Expert resource persons from the business community;
- (c) Other training and business resources in skill areas for which, or areas of the state where, the grant recipient can demonstrate it does not otherwise have the capacity or expertise to provide the resources; and
- (d) Other costs related to providing training, counseling and business resources to small business clients.
- (3) To be eligible for a grant under subsection (1) of this section, the recipient shall be required to provide funds, in-kind contributions or some combination of funds and contributions, in accordance with rules adopted by the Economic and Community Development Department.
- (4) Subject to the approval of the department, a grant recipient may subcontract funds received under this section to any other entity that is eligible to receive funding under this section.
- (5) A small business development center shall submit a report to the department after the distribution of grant funds. The report shall state whether the plan and related budget have met the applicable criteria for the grant period.
- (6) As used in this section, "state university" means a state institution of higher education listed in ORS 352.002.
  - **SECTION 20.** ORS 285B.174 is amended to read:

285B.174. In cooperation with other state [and public] agencies and private organizations, state universities as defined in ORS [285B.166] 285B.168 and community colleges may develop programs to assist Oregon businesses with the procurement of government contracts and grants. Small business development centers established under ORS 285B.165 to 285B.171 may assist with these programs.

#### **SECTION 21.** ORS 285B.178 is amended to read:

285B.178. As used in ORS 285B.178 to 285B.183:

- (1) "Local microenterprise support organization" means a community development corporation, a nonprofit development organization, a nonprofit social services organization or another locally operated nonprofit entity that provides services to disadvantaged entrepreneurs.
  - (2) "Low income" means income adjusted for family size that does not exceed:
  - (a) For metropolitan areas, 80 percent of median income; or
- (b) For nonmetropolitan areas, the greater of 80 percent of the area median income or 80 percent of the statewide nonmetropolitan area median income.
- (3) "Microenterprise" has the meaning given that term under 15 U.S.C. 6901, as amended and in effect on June 18, 2001.
  - (4) "Microentrepreneur" means an individual conducting a microenterprise.
- (5) "Microlending" means the practice of lending moneys to microenterprises or microentrepreneurs.
- (6) "Statewide microenterprise support organization" means a community development corporation, a nonprofit development organization, a nonprofit social services organization or another nonprofit entity that serves as an intermediary between the Economic and Community Development Department and local microenterprise support organizations.
- (7) "Training and technical assistance" means services and support offered to microenterprises and microentrepreneurs. "Training and technical assistance" includes, but is not limited to, services to enhance business development, **asset building**, **business** planning, marketing, management skills and access to financial services.
- (8) "Very low income" means income adjusted for family size that does not exceed 150 percent of the poverty level determined under 42 U.S.C. 9902, as amended and in effect on June 18, 2001.

# SECTION 22. ORS 285B.179 is amended to read:

285B.179. [(1) The Legislative Assembly finds that:]

- [(a) There is a need to develop and expand businesses in economically distressed communities in both rural and urban areas;]
- [(b) There is a need to assist Oregonians who are unemployed, underemployed or in low income jobs;]
- [(c) Microenterprises can provide a means for unemployed, underemployed or low income individuals to find and sustain productive work;]
- [(d) Microenterprises, including self-employment, can enable people with disabilities to use their management skills to create and provide products and services, to acquire new skills in money management and business development and to develop pride and self-esteem;]
- [(e) Microenterprises can provide opportunities for economically distressed communities to thrive, one microentrepreneur at a time;]
- [(f) Microenterprises, including self-employment and start-up businesses, are important elements of the Oregon economy and play a vital role in job creation;]
- 45 [(g) There is a lack of access to capital and training and technical assistance for low income and

- very low income microentrepreneurs;]
  - [(h) Many low income and very low income microentrepreneurs need microlending services and training and technical assistance to start, operate or expand their businesses;]
  - [(i) Local microenterprise support organizations have demonstrated cost-effective delivery methods for providing microlending services and training and technical assistance; and]
  - [(j) Local and state charitable foundation support, federal program funding and private sector support can be leveraged by a statewide program for development of microenterprises.]
    - [(2)] The purposes of ORS 285B.178 to 285B.183 are to:
  - [(a)] (1) Ensure that microenterprises in Oregon are able to realize their full potential to create jobs, enhance entrepreneurial skills, expand entrepreneurial activity and increase the capacity of low income and very low income households to become self-sufficient;
    - [(b)] (2) Enhance the development of a statewide infrastructure for microenterprise support; and
  - [(c)] (3) Enable the Economic and Community Development Department to engage in contractual relationships with statewide microenterprise support organizations that have the capacity to administer grants to local microenterprise support organizations, subject to ORS 285B.178 to 285B.183, and to leverage additional funds from sources other than moneys appropriated from the General Fund.

# COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND

<u>SECTION 23.</u> Sections 24 to 35 of this 2007 Act are added to and made a part of ORS chapter 285B.

SECTION 24. (1) The Legislative Assembly finds that:

- (a) The improvement, expansion and new construction of the state's infrastructure, including but not limited to water and sewage systems, telecommunications systems, industrial and commercial lands, roads and transportation infrastructure, provides the basic framework for continuing and expanding economic development in this state, thereby providing jobs and economic opportunity for the people of Oregon.
- (b) The ports of this state are directly and actively involved in creating and carrying out the economic development objectives and programs of the state.
- (c) It is essential to maintain usable and developable industrial and commercial lands in Oregon.
- (d) The revitalization of contaminated sites is needed to meet economic, environmental and social demands and contribute to the sustainability of the human and natural environment by improving environmental quality and sustaining ecosystem integrity.
- (e) Community development projects are critical components of comprehensive local economic development strategies, particularly for rural communities.
- (2) Because municipalities, particularly rural and distressed municipalities, in this state often suffer from a lack of available financing and technical capacity for these projects, it is the primary purpose of the Community Investment Fund to provide financial or other assistance to enable municipalities to plan, construct and improve those facilities that are essential for supporting continuing and expanded economic activity and community development activities. It is the intent of the Legislative Assembly, by providing that assistance, to stimulate industrial growth and commercial enterprise and to promote employment opportunities while protecting human growth and the environment in Oregon.

- (3) Because the majority of Oregon's ports have limited resources to handle multiple state and federal programs, ports need assistance to be competitive in national and international markets and to continue to contribute effectively to economic development efforts. Port facilities are integral elements of the transportation infrastructure of this state. The Economic and Community Development Department shall work:
  - (a) To promote local cooperation in statewide planning and development of the ports;
  - (b) To promote the long term self-sufficiency of the ports;

- (c) To encourage cost-effective investments with prudent financial consideration of port development projects; and
- (d) To assist ports in their efforts to expand and respond to greater domestic and international market opportunities.
- (4) Because owners and developers of contaminated properties continue to face the challenge of expensive environmental assessment and cleanup costs while banks and other traditional financing sources remain reluctant to finance these costs, the department shall provide financial and other assistance necessary to facilitate redevelopment and productive reuse of brownfield properties.
- (5) Because private landowners incur costs associated with state and federal regulations that affect their ability to develop property to stimulate industrial growth and commercial enterprise and to promote employment opportunities, it is the purpose of sections 25 to 35 of this 2007 Act to provide financial and other assistance to nonmunicipal applicants to assist with the development of industrially or commercially zoned property.
- (6) Moneys in the Community Investment Fund shall be used primarily to provide loans for projects. The department shall establish by rule the circumstances under which a grant or loan or another form of financial assistance will be awarded to an eligible applicant. The department is authorized to determine the level and form of financial assistance, if any, on an individual case basis.
- <u>SECTION 25.</u> As used in sections 25 to 35 of this 2007 Act, unless the context requires otherwise:
- (1) "Applicant" means a municipal or nonmunicipal entity that submits a funding request to the Economic and Community Development Department for a project.
- (2) "Brownfield" or "brownfields" means real property where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by actual or perceived environmental contamination.
- (3) "Municipal development project" means a municipal project resulting in a construction project.
- (4) "Municipality" means an Oregon city or county, a port, a county service district organized under ORS chapter 451, a district as defined in ORS 198.010, a tribal council of a federally recognized Indian tribe in this state or an airport district organized under ORS chapter 838.
- (5) "Municipal project" means a project for the acquisition, improvement, construction, demolition or redevelopment of utilities owned by municipalities, in particular water and wastewater systems and components buildings, land, transportation facilities or other facilities that assist the economic and community development of the municipality or planning project activities that the department determines are necessary or useful. A municipal project must be owned and operated by the municipality or operated under a management contract or under an operating agreement with the municipality.

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- (6) "Nonmunicipal applicant" means any person, combination of persons or legally incorporated nonprofit or for-profit organization applying for an eligible nonmunicipal project.
- (7) "Port" means any port formed pursuant to ORS 777.005 to 777.725 and 777.915 to 777.953 and the Port of Portland formed pursuant to ORS chapter 778.
- (8) "Port project" means a project sponsored by a port and authorized under ORS 777.105 to 777.258, including engineering, acquisition, improvement, rehabilitation, construction, preproject-to-project planning necessary to carry out the project and including ports planning and marketing projects for planning and marketing project activities necessary for improving a port's capability to carry out its authorized functions and activities relating to economic development, transportation, trade and commerce.
  - (9) "Project" means a municipal or nonmunicipal project.
  - (10) "Rural community" has the meaning given that term in ORS 285A.010.
- (11) "Safe drinking water project" means a project for constructing or improving a drinking water system or a water development project, as defined in ORS 541.700 (6)(a), (b) and (d) to (f), that is owned and operated by a municipality.
- (12) "Wastewater system improvement project" means a project for constructing or improving a system for wastewater collection or treatment, including storm drainage systems.
- (13) "Water project" means a safe drinking water project or a wastewater system improvement project.

SECTION 26. (1) There is created within the State Treasury the Community Investment Fund, separate and distinct from the General Fund. All moneys credited to the Community Investment Fund are appropriated continuously to the Economic and Community Development Department.

- (2) The fund shall consist of all moneys credited to the fund, including:
- (a) Moneys appropriated to the fund by the Legislative Assembly;
- (b) Earnings on the fund;

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- (c) Repayment of financial assistance, including interest;
- (d) Moneys received from other state agencies or local governments;
- (e) Bond proceeds as authorized by sections 24 to 29 of this 2007 Act or other law; and
- (f) Moneys from any other source that enhance program development by increasing the availability of funding sources, including but not limited to grants and gifts.
- (3) Moneys in the Community Investment Fund, with the approval of the State Treasurer, may be invested as provided in ORS 293.701 to 293.820 and the earnings from the investments shall be credited to the accounts in the Community Investment Fund designated by the department.
- (4) The department may establish other accounts within the Community Investment Fund for the payment of project costs, reserves, debt service payments, credit enhancement, administrative costs and operation expenses or any other purpose necessary to carry out the purposes in section 24 of this 2007 Act.
  - (5) The department shall administer the Community Investment Fund.
- SECTION 27. (1) The Economic and Community Development Department shall establish by rule standards and maximum amounts for the awarding of grants and loans from the Community Investment Fund. The moneys in the fund shall be used primarily to provide loans to eligible applicants for projects as defined in section 25 of this 2007 Act. The department may determine the level of grant or loan funding, if any, on an individual case basis.

- The department shall by rule adopt standards for awarding grants from the fund. The standards may include the award of grants as a financial incentive to accomplish the goals of the fund, to address special circumstances of an eligible project or to address the financial need of an applicant.
- (2) The department may, directly or indirectly, grant, expend or loan moneys or extend credit to:
- (a) Provide any form of financial or other assistance to municipalities with a project including the refinancing of temporary project financing.
  - (b) Purchase goods or services related to a project on behalf of the municipality.
  - (c) Provide state funds as a match for federal funds.

- (d) Finance administrative costs of the department pursuant to section 28 of this 2007 Act.
- (e) Provide annual grants on behalf of a municipality in the form of partial repayment to bondholders of amounts owed.
- (f) Purchase or buy out superior or prior liens or mortgages on, or a security interest in, any nonmunicipal brownfields project financed in whole or in part by a loan from the fund, when the department determines:
- (A) That a loan from the fund is in default and is in liquidation or at risk of being forced into liquidation by another creditor to the project;
- (B) That action is necessary to maintain or enhance the value of the department's collateral in the project; and
- (C) That the amount of the purchase or buyout of superior or prior liens or mortgages does not exceed \$1 million.
- (g) Cover contracts that are issued to guaranty any portion of the obligation of a municipality to finance a development project and that are not sold to the state. Guaranty contracts under this paragraph shall be payable solely from moneys in the fund and may not constitute a debt or obligation of the state. The department may, on behalf of the state, establish a special account in the fund and commit to deposit into the account specified portions of existing and future allocations to the fund. The department shall make the commitment by rule. The commitments constitute covenants of the state for the benefit of the owners of obligations guaranteed by the state pursuant to this section.
  - (h) Finance brownfields projects by eligible applicants.
- (3) Notwithstanding the provisions in subsection (2) of this section, the department may expend or loan moneys to improve the economic viability of the community by nonmunicipal applicants for the following project types:
- (a) Planning and technical assistance activities necessary to improve industrially and commercially zoned sites.
- (b) Environmental mitigation activities, including but not limited to wetland, riparian and habitat mitigation conducted to comply with environmental laws.
- <u>SECTION 28.</u> (1) The Economic and Community Development Department may provide financial or other assistance to an eligible applicant for projects that qualify for assistance as follows:
  - (a) If the project is a municipal planning project that consists of:
- (A) The purchase or acquisition of land by the municipality and no other activity, the land must be identified in the applicable land use or capital plan as necessary for a potential

development project or be zoned solely for commercial or industrial use.

- (B) A privately owned railroad, the railroad must be designated by the owner and operator as subject to abandonment within three years, pursuant to federal law governing abandonment of common carrier railroad lines.
- (C) A telecommunications system, the governing body of the municipality shall adopt a resolution, after a public hearing, finding that the proposed telecommunications project is necessary and would not otherwise be provided by a for-profit entity within a reasonable time and for a reasonable cost.
- (b) If the project is a regional water or wastewater system planning project, the plan must examine methods by which the region improves efficiencies and conservation to the benefit of the region's economic and community development and the plan must be approved by the applicable regulatory agencies.
- (c) If the project is an energy system, the municipality and the serving utility must execute an ownership and operating agreement for the proposed energy system. This subsection does not apply when the energy system will be located within the recognized service territory of the municipality.
- (d) If the project is a privately owned industrial lands project as defined by the department by rule:
  - (A) The lands must be for sale or lease;

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- (B) The municipality must agree that development of the property provides substantial economic benefit to the community; and
- (C) The municipality and the property owner must agree that the property will remain industrially zoned for a minimum of five years after completion of the project.
- (e) If the project is for environmental remediation associated with development of industrial lands as defined by the department by rule, activities must be coordinated with the appropriate regulatory agencies and must satisfy all state and federal regulatory requirements.
- (f) If the project is a brownfields project, the project must be for the completion of an environmental action and provide substantial public benefit. The department shall assist municipal and nonmunicipal applicants to redevelop brownfields and shall develop procedures to ensure that projects receiving loans or grants under this subsection are coordinated with all applicable regulatory agencies.
- (g) If the project is a community assistance project, the community assistance project must be a community development activity that is project development or capacity building or that can demonstrate through an investment that will advance a recognized economic development strategy through direct technical assistance. The investment must take place in and primarily benefit a rural community.
- (h) If a project is sponsored by a port, the project may qualify for funding from the fund for ports projects or for municipalities generally. Eligible projects include planning and marketing assistance to improve a port's capability to carry out authorized port functions and activities relating to economic development, transportation, trade or commerce. The department shall give priority to regional or cooperative projects, to projects that leverage other marketing efforts by the state or local government units and to the development of strategic business, marketing or financial plans for ports or updates to plans that are required to keep the plans current for five years. Ports are required to develop and adopt

strategic business plans acceptable to the department as a condition for obtaining state funding assistance through the department. The department shall establish a date for ports to obtain state funding assistance. The department may not fund any program that subsidizes regular port operating expenses.

- (i) If a project is for technical assistance to a new municipality or for a significant expansion of an existing municipality to address economic development, the fund may be used for analysis of eligible infrastructure development needs as defined by the department by rule and for land requirements for industrial development.
- (j) If the project is a water or wastewater project, the project must be for construction or improvement of a drinking water system, a wastewater system, a storm water system or a water development project that is owned and operated by a municipality.
  - (2) The department may not use funds to provide assistance for:
- (a) Projects that primarily focus on relocating business or economic activity from one part of the state to another, except in cases where the business or economic activity would otherwise be located outside of the state; or
  - (b) Ongoing operations or maintenance expenses.
- SECTION 29. (1) The Economic and Community Development Department shall adopt rules and policies for the administration of the Community Investment Fund. All forms of assistance are subject to the rules and policies of the department.
- (2) The department shall allocate moneys in the fund for the following types of projects that also meet the qualifications of section 28 of this 2007 Act:
  - (a) Water and wastewater projects;
- (b) Infrastructure projects;
- (c) Matching funds for federal projects;
- 25 (d) Private industrial land development projects;
- 26 (e) Ports projects;

- 27 (f) Brownfields redevelopment projects;
- 28 (g) Community facilities projects;
  - (h) Community assistance projects; and
- 30 (i) Other projects.
  - (3)(a) The Oregon Economic and Community Development Commission, through public process, at least once each biennium, shall establish by rule a targeted percentage of the unencumbered fund balance for awards for specific project types or eligible applicants.
  - (b) The department shall establish a minimum percentage of the awards for water and wastewater projects, ports projects and ports planning and marketing projects.
  - (c) The department shall establish a minimum percentage of awards for grants to rural and distressed communities.
  - (d) The department shall establish a minimum percentage of awards for use by nonmunicipal applicants.
  - (4) The department shall manage the fund and any expenditures from the fund's accounts and transfers between the fund's accounts so that the fund provides a continuing source of financing for projects consistent with section 28 of this 2007 Act. The department shall establish a maximum percentage available for grants.
  - (5) The department may commit moneys in the fund or reserve future income to the fund for disbursal in future years under this section. The department may commit or reserve

1 moneys only after:

- (a) Allowing for contingencies;
- (b) Finding that there will be sufficient unobligated net income to the fund to make future payments, consistent with the financial requirements of subsections (3) and (4) of this section; and
- (c) Providing in any contract for the commitment that the liability of the state to make annual payments is contingent upon the availability of moneys in the fund.
- (6) In assisting with projects, the department shall cooperate to the maximum extent possible with other state and federal agencies.
- (7) An eligible applicant may apply for financial or other assistance from the fund by submitting a completed application and related information as required by the department by rule. The application shall be filed, reviewed and approved or rejected in accordance with rules adopted by the department.
- (8)(a) If the department approves assistance from the fund for a project, the department, on behalf of the state, and the eligible applicant may enter into a contract to implement the assistance. The contract shall include:
- (A) A provision that the liability of the state under the contract is contingent upon the availability of moneys in the fund for use in the project;
- (B) If any portion of the assistance is in the form of a loan or the purchase of a bond of a municipality, a provision granting the department a lien on or a security interest in the collateral as determined by the department to be necessary to secure repayment of the loan or bond; and
- (C) Other provisions as the department considers necessary or appropriate to implement the assistance.
- (b) When the department approves financial assistance under sections 25 to 35 of this 2007 Act for a project, the department shall pay moneys for the project from the fund in accordance with the terms of the contract.
- (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law or any restriction on indebtedness contained in a charter, a municipality may borrow from the fund by entering into a contract with the department. The contract may be repaid from:
  - (A) The revenues of the project, including special assessment revenues;
  - (B) Amounts withheld under subsection (9) of this section;
  - (C) The general fund of the municipality; or
  - (D) Any other source.
- (d) A contract authorized under paragraph (c) of this subsection shall be authorized by an ordinance, order or resolution adopted by the governing body of the municipality.
- (e) The loan term may not exceed the usable life of the project or 25 years from the year of project completion, whichever is less.
- (f) Except as otherwise limited by this section, not more than 100 percent of the total cost of a project, including capitalized interest, may be financed from the fund.
- (9)(a) If a recipient fails to comply with a contract entered into under sections 25 to 35 of this 2007 Act, the department may seek appropriate legal remedies to secure any repayment due to the fund. If any recipient defaults on payments due to the fund under sections 25 to 35 of this 2007 Act, the state may withhold any amounts otherwise due to the recipient to apply to the indebtedness. The department may waive the right to withhold.

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- (b) Moneys withheld under paragraph (a) of this subsection shall be deposited in the fund and shall be used to repay any account in the fund from which funds were expended to pay obligations upon which the recipient defaulted.
- SECTION 30. (1) The Economic and Community Development Department shall by rule adopt standards to determine eligibility for revenue bond financing under sections 30 to 34 of this 2007 Act of development projects that have qualified under sections 25 to 35 of this 2007 Act.
- (2) Upon determining that a development project is eligible for revenue bond financing under sections 30 to 34 of this 2007 Act, the department shall forward a request for the issuance of revenue bonds to the State Treasurer, who shall determine whether to issue revenue bonds.
- (3) When a project is determined to be eligible for revenue bond financing under sections 30 to 34 of this 2007 Act, bond proceeds may be used to pay allowable costs including:
  - (a) Financing costs, including capitalized interest;
  - (b) Direct project management costs;

- (c) Costs of consultant services and expenses;
- (d) Construction costs and expenses;
- (e) Costs of property acquisition, including any easement or right of way directly related to and necessary for the project;
- (f) Costs of acquiring off-site property for purposes directly related to the project, such as wetland mitigation; and
  - (g) Other costs that the department determines to be necessary or useful.
- (4) Administrative expenses of the department in processing applications and investigating proposed projects and bond sales may not be derived from bond proceeds.
- (5) The department may pledge all or any portion of the existing or future assets and receipts of the Community Development Fund to pay debt service on bonds issued pursuant to sections 30 to 35 of this 2007 Act. The pledge shall take effect immediately, without delivery of the pledged funds to third parties, and the lien of the pledge shall be superior to all other liens of any nature.
- (6) The department is authorized to establish separate accounts within the fund for separate bond issues.
- <u>SECTION 31.</u> In addition to any other powers granted by law in relation to a development project, the Economic and Community Development Department, acting through the State Treasurer or designee may:
- (1) Make all contracts, execute all instruments and do all things necessary or convenient in the exercise of the powers granted by this section, or in the performance of its covenants or duties, or in order to secure the payment of its bonds;
- (2) Enter into and perform contracts and agreements with municipalities as the department may consider proper and feasible for, or concerning the planning, construction, installation, lease or other acquisition and the financing of, projects; and
- (3) Enter into covenants for the benefit of bond owners regarding the use and expenditure of moneys in the Community Investment Fund.
  - SECTION 32. If the State Treasurer determines that revenue bonds should be issued:
- (1) The State Treasurer may authorize and issue in the name of the State of Oregon revenue bonds secured by moneys paid to the Community Investment Fund pledged therefor

to finance or refinance in whole or part the cost of acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement or extension of development projects. The bonds shall be issued in the manner prescribed by ORS chapter 286, and refunding bonds may be issued to refinance the revenue bonds.

(2) The State Treasurer shall designate the underwriter and enter into appropriate agreements with the underwriter to carry out the provisions of sections 26 to 30 of this 2007 Act. The Economic and Community Development Department, with the approval of the State Treasurer, shall designate the trustee and enter into appropriate agreements with the trustee to carry out the provisions of sections 26 to 30 of this 2007 Act. The department may appoint bond counsel as authorized by ORS 288.523, or the State Treasurer may enter into an agreement with bond counsel if the services provided under the agreement comply with the provisions of ORS 288.523 and the appointment is approved by the Attorney General as required by ORS 288.523. The department may not make an appointment or enter into an agreement under this subsection unless the State Treasurer has reviewed and approved the terms and conditions of the appointment or agreement. ORS 279A.140 does not apply to any appointment or agreement described in this subsection.

SECTION 33. (1) ORS 285B.350 to 285B.362 and 285B.368 apply to revenue bonds issued under sections 30 to 34 of this 2007 Act.

- (2) The proceeds of revenue bonds issued and sold under sections 30 to 34 of this 2007 Act shall be deposited in the Community Investment Fund and used for the payment of a loan to a municipality for a development project and costs of issuing the revenue bonds.
- (3) A loan made with money derived from the sale of revenue bonds under this section shall be made as other loans under sections 30 to 34 of this 2007 Act are made, except that the loan contract shall set forth a schedule of payments that may not exceed the usable life of the contracted project.

SECTION 34. (1) Revenue bonds issued under sections 30 to 34 of this 2007 Act:

- (a) Shall not be payable from nor charged upon any funds other than the revenue pledged to the payment thereof, except as provided in this section, nor shall the state be subject to any liability thereon. No holder or holders of such bonds shall ever have the right to compel any exercise of the taxing power of the state to pay any such bonds or the interest thereon, nor to enforce payment thereof against any property of the state except those moneys pledged therefor in the Community Investment Fund, under the provisions of sections 25 to 30 of this 2007 Act.
- (b) Shall not constitute a charge, lien or encumbrance, legal or equitable, upon any property of the state, except those moneys paid to the Special Public Works Fund.
- (2) A bond shall not constitute a debt of the state or a lending of the credit of the state within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory limitation.

SECTION 35. (1) Notwithstanding any other law relating to revenue bonds issued and sold under sections 30 to 34 of this 2007 Act, revenue bonds may be issued and sold as parity bonds.

- (2) Proceeds of revenue bonds issued and sold under sections 30 to 34 of this 2007 Act or ORS 285B.572, 285B.575 and 285B.578, together with the investment earnings thereon, may be consolidated into one or more funds or accounts and may be pledged to the holders of revenue bonds issued to finance water projects or development projects.
  - (3) Any loan to a municipality made pursuant to sections 25 to 35 of this 2007 Act, in-

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cluding loans funded in whole or in part with the proceeds of revenue bonds and loans funded with moneys in the Community Development Fund, may be pledged to the holders of revenue bonds issued to finance water projects or development projects.

(4) Funds or accounts established by the Economic and Community Development Department or the State Treasurer in connection with the issuance of revenue bonds under sections 30 to 34 of this 2007 Act and moneys held in the funds and accounts, together with the investment earnings thereon, may be consolidated into one or more funds or accounts and may be pledged to the holders of revenue bonds issued to finance water projects or development projects.

SECTION 36. On the effective date of this 2007 Act, the unexpended balances of amounts in the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund created by ORS 285A.188, the Oregon Port Revolving Fund created by ORS 285A.708, the Rural Investment Fund created by ORS 285B.254, the Special Public Works Fund created by ORS 285B.455, the Water Fund created by ORS 285B.563 and the Port Planning and Marketing Fund created by ORS 285A.709 are transferred to the Community Investment Fund or accounts, if any, within the Community Investment Fund as designated by the Director of the Economic and Community Development Department.

SECTION 37. (1) On and after the effective date of this 2007 Act, all repayments of financial assistance provided from the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund, the Oregon Port Revolving Fund, the Rural Investment Fund, the Special Public Works Fund, the Water Fund or the Port Planning and Marketing Fund shall be credited to the Community Investment Fund, or to accounts, if any, within the Community Investment Fund, as designated by the Director of the Economic and Community Development Department.

- (2) Nothing in sections 25 to 35 of this 2007 Act relieves a person of a liability, duty or obligation accruing under the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund, the Oregon Port Revolving Fund, the Rural Investment Fund, the Special Public Works Fund, the Water Fund or the Port Planning and Marketing Fund. The Economic and Community Development Department may undertake the collection or enforcement of the liability, duty or obligation.
- (3) The rights and obligations of the department legally incurred under contracts, leases and business transactions executed, entered into or begun before the operative date of this 2007 Act and accruing under or with respect to the duties, functions and powers exercised under authority of the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund, the Oregon Port Revolving Fund, the Rural Investment Fund, the Special Public Works Fund, the Water Fund or the Port Planning and Marketing Fund continue in the department on and after the operative date of this 2007 Act.

SECTION 38. Sections 36 and 37 of this 2007 Act are repealed on June 30, 2009.

# BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

SECTION 39. ORS 285B.050 is amended to read:

285B.050. As used in ORS 285B.050 to 285B.098, unless the context requires otherwise:

(1) "Applicant" means any county, municipality, person or any combination of counties, municipalities or persons applying for a loan from the Oregon Business Development Fund under ORS 285B.050 to 285B.098.

[(1)] (2) "Business development project" means the acquisition, engineering, improvement, reha-

- 1 bilitation, construction, operation or maintenance of any property, real or personal, that is used or
- 2 is suitable for use by an economic enterprise and that will result in, or will aid, promote or facili-
- 3 tate, development of one or more of the following activities:
- 4 (a) Manufacturing or other industrial production;
  - (b) Agricultural development or food processing;
    - (c) Aquacultural development or seafood processing;
  - (d) Development or improved utilization of natural resources;
- 8 (e) Convention facilities and trade centers;

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- 9 (f) Transportation or freight facilities; and
- 10 (g) Other activities that represent new technology or type of economic enterprise the Oregon 11 Economic and Community Development Commission determines is needed to diversify the economic 12 base of an area but not including:
  - (A) Construction of office buildings, including corporate headquarters; and
  - (B) Retail businesses, shopping centers or food service facilities.
  - (3) "Collateral" has the meaning given that term in ORS 79.0102 for property subject to a security interest.
  - [(2)] (4) "Commission" means the Oregon Economic and Community Development Commission established under ORS 285A.040.
    - (5) "County" means any county or federally recognized Oregon Indian tribe.
    - (6) "Emerging small business" has the meaning given that term by ORS 200.005.
    - [(3)] (7) "Fund" means the Oregon Business Development Fund.
  - [(4) "Collateral" has the meaning given that term in ORS 79.0102 for property subject to a security interest.]
    - (8) "Local development group" means any public or private corporation that has as one of its primary purposes, as stated in its articles of incorporation, charter or bylaws, the promotion of economic development in any part of the State of Oregon.
      - [(5)] (9) "Municipality" means any city, municipal corporation or quasi-municipal corporation.
    - [(6)] (10) "Person" means any individual, association of individuals, joint venture, partnership or corporation.
    - [(7) "Local development group" means any public or private corporation which has as one of its primary purposes, as stated in its articles of incorporation, charter or bylaws, the promotion of economic development in any part of the State of Oregon.]
    - [(8) "Applicant" means any county, municipality, person or any combination of counties, municipalities or persons applying for a loan from the Oregon Business Development Fund under ORS 285B.050 to 285B.098.]
    - [(9) "Owned and operated by women and minorities" means, with regard to any specific business enterprise, the ownership or control of more than 50 percent of the units of proprietary or ownership interest in that business enterprise by individuals who are women or minority individuals, as defined by ORS 200.005.]
    - [(10) "Emerging small business" has the meaning given that term by ORS 200.005.]
- 41 [(11) "County" means any county or federally recognized Oregon Indian tribe.]
- 42 **SECTION 40.** ORS 285B.053 is amended to read:
- 285B.053. (1) Any county, municipality, person or any combination of counties, municipalities and persons may file with the Oregon Economic and Community Development Commission an application to borrow money from the Oregon Business Development Fund for a business development

- project as provided in ORS 285B.050 to 285B.098. The application shall be filed in such a manner and contain or be accompanied by such information as the commission may prescribe.
- (2) Any applicant receiving a loan from the [Oregon Business Development] fund shall [annually] report to the Economic and Community Development Department the estimated number of jobs [created as a result of] affected by the business development project financed under ORS 285B.050 to 285B.098. [The reporting requirement under this section shall continue for five years following the receipt of the loan proceeds or for the life of the loan, whichever period is longer. Agreement to comply with the requirements of this section shall be a condition for obtaining a loan from the Oregon Business Development Fund.]

#### **SECTION 41.** ORS 285B.056 is amended to read:

- 285B.056. [(1) Upon receipt of an application under ORS 285B.053, the Oregon Economic and Community Development Commission shall determine whether the plans and specifications for the proposed business development project set forth in or accompanying the application are satisfactory. If the commission determines that the plans and specifications are not satisfactory, it shall:]
  - [(a) Reject the application with a written statement of the reason for that rejection; or]
- [(b) Require the applicant to submit additional information of the plans and specifications as may be necessary.]
- [(2) The commission shall charge and collect from the applicant, at the time the application is filed, a fee not to exceed \$100. Moneys referred to in this subsection shall be paid into the Oregon Business Development Fund.] The Oregon Economic and Community Development Commission shall charge fees and establish rules to underwrite loans from the Oregon Business Development Fund.

#### **SECTION 42.** ORS 285B.059 is amended to read:

- 285B.059. (1) The Oregon Economic and Community Development Commission may approve a business development project proposed in an application filed under ORS 285B.050 to 285B.098 if, after investigation, [it] the commission finds that:
- (a) The proposed business development project is feasible and a reasonable risk from practical and economic standpoints, and the loan has reasonable prospect of repayment.
- (b) In the sole determination of the commission, the applicant can provide good and sufficient collateral for the loan.
- (c) Moneys in the Oregon Business Development Fund are or will be available for the proposed business development project.
- (d) There is a need for the proposed business development project, and the applicant's financial resources are adequate to ensure success of the project.
- (e) The applicant has not received or entered into a contract or contracts exceeding \$1 million with the commission, under authority of ORS 285B.050 to 285B.098, for the previous 365 days[, nor is there an amount equal to 20 percent of the total value of the fund in outstanding loans with the commission at any one time for business development projects located in the same county as the proposed project. However, nothing in this paragraph prevents the commission from making a loan to an emerging small business, as provided in subsection (6) of this section, for a project in a distressed area or making a loan of less than \$100,000, as provided in ORS 285B.080].
- [(2) Preference shall be given to a business development project which has a high ratio of employment to the amount of money sought to be borrowed from the Oregon Business Development Fund, which benefits businesses with fewer than 50 employees or which is located within a rural or distressed area of the state. Consideration also shall be given to the extent of participation by local development

groups, and the availability and cost of money to the applicant from, or through, commercial lending or financial institutions, or other financial sources, inasmuch as the Oregon Business Development Fund is intended to complement, not supplant, other sources of money for economic development.]

- [(3)] (2) The total amount of moneys loaned from the fund for any business development project shall not exceed 50 percent of the cost of the project. [Working capital equity contributed by the applicant or a related party shall not be included in the calculation of total project costs.]
- [(4)] (3) Except [in cases where] when the applicant is a county or municipality or when there are payments other than the scheduled principal and interest payments, no money shall be loaned from the fund for any business development project unless there exists a commitment from a commercial or private lender, or a local development group, to participate in the financing of the project.
- [(5)] (4) To encourage private sector and local development group participation in the financing of business development projects, the commission may subordinate the security position of the fund to that of other lenders.
- [(6)] (5) In each fiscal year of a biennium, not less than 15 percent of all moneys available for lending from the [Oregon Business Development] fund are reserved for loans to certified emerging small business enterprises which are located in or draw their workforces from within distressed areas as determined by the Economic and Community Development Department in cooperation with the Employment Department of this state. Any amounts reserved for loans to such businesses that are not loaned in one fiscal year shall be added to the amount reserved for loans to such businesses in the subsequent fiscal year. If the Economic and Community Development Department is unable to obtain a sufficient number of approvable applications to meet the requirements of this subsection, it may, notwithstanding the limitations imposed by [ORS 285B.050 (1)(g)(B)] ORS 285B.050 (2)(g)(B), make loans to service and retail businesses operated by certified emerging small business enterprises.
- [(7) In the operation of the Oregon Business Development Fund, the commission and the department shall, to the maximum extent feasible and consistent with constitutional limitations, seek to assure that an amount equal to that specified in subsection (6) of this section be loaned to businesses owned and operated by women and minorities.]

# SECTION 43. ORS 285B.062 is amended to read:

- 285B.062. If the Oregon Economic and Community Development Commission approves the business development project, the commission, on behalf of the state, and the applicant may enter into a loan contract of not more than \$1 million, secured by good and sufficient collateral, which shall set forth, among other matters:
- (1) A plan for repayment by the applicant to the Oregon Business Development Fund of moneys borrowed from the fund used for the business development project with interest charged on those moneys at the rate of not less than one percentage point more than the prevailing interest rate on United States Treasury bills, notes or bonds of a comparable term, as determined by the commission. The repayment plan, among other matters:
- (a) Shall provide for commencement of repayment by the applicant of moneys used for the business development project and interest thereon no later than one year after the date of the loan contract or at such other time as the commission may provide.
- (b) May provide for reasonable extension of the time for making any repayment in emergency or hardship circumstances if approved by the commission.
  - (c) Shall provide for such evidence of debt assurance of, and security for, repayment by the ap-

plicant as is considered necessary by the commission.

- (d) Shall set forth a schedule of payments and the period of loan which shall not exceed the usable life of the contracted project or 25 years from the date of the contract, whichever is less, and shall also set forth the manner of determining when loan payments are delinquent. The payment schedule shall include repayment of interest which accrues during any period of delay in repayment authorized by paragraph (a) of this subsection, and the payment schedule may require payments of varying amounts for collection of accrued interest.
- (e) Shall set forth a procedure for formal declaration of default of payment by the commission, including formal notification of all relevant federal, state and local agencies; and further, a procedure for notification of all relevant federal, state and local agencies that declaration of default has been rescinded when appropriate.
- [(f) May offer a discount not to exceed 10 percent of the outstanding principal for the early repayment of the entire outstanding principal of any loan. The commission by rule shall adopt policies that provide for greater discounts for earlier repayments and that provide for greater discounts for firms that have created at least one job per each \$15,000 loaned to the firm from the Oregon Business Development Fund.]

# (f) Shall allow for other forms of payment than principal and interest payments on loans, to be outlined in administrative rules.

- (2) Provisions satisfactory to the commission for field engineering and inspection, the commission to be the final judge of completion of the contract.
- (3) That the liability of the state under the contract is contingent upon the availability of moneys in the [Oregon Business Development] fund for use in the business development project.
- (4) Such further provisions as the commission considers necessary to insure expenditure of the funds for the purposes set forth in the approved application.
- [(5) That the commission may institute appropriate action or suit to prevent use of the facilities of a business development project financed by the Oregon Business Development Fund if the applicant is delinquent in the repayment of any moneys due the fund.]

#### SECTION 44. ORS 285B.083 is amended to read:

285B.083. Except as provided in ORS 285B.086, if any business development project is refinanced or financial assistance is obtained from other sources after the execution of the loan from the state, those [shall be first] may first be used to repay the state, unless provided otherwise by the committee, if the refinancing or financial assistance applies only to the business development project authorized and does not include any subsequent addition, expansion, improvement or further development.

#### SECTION 45. ORS 285B.092 is amended to read:

- 285B.092. (1) There is created within the State Treasury a revolving fund known as the Oregon Business Development Fund, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the fund shall be credited to the fund. Moneys in this fund are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Economic and Community Development Commission for the following purposes:
- (a) Administrative expenses of the commission in marketing public business finance, processing applications, investigating proposed business development projects and servicing outstanding loans. In any one year, administrative expenses charged under this paragraph may not be greater than the total revenues received in that year from fees provided for in subsection (2)(a) of this section, plus four percent of the total asset value of the fund.
  - (b) Payment of loans to applicants under ORS 285B.050 to 285B.098.

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- (c) Purchase or buyout of superior or prior liens or mortgages on or a security interest in any business development project financed in part by a loan from the fund, when the commission determines:
- (A) A loan from the fund is in default and is in liquidation or at risk of being forced into liquidation by another creditor to the project; **and**
- (B) [Such] **The** action is necessary to maintain or enhance the value of the commission's collateral in the project[; and]
- [(C) The amount of the purchase or buyout of superior or prior liens or mortgages on that project does not exceed \$1 million].
  - (2) The fund created by subsection (1) of this section shall consist of:
  - (a) Fees required by ORS 285B.056 [(2)] and 285B.068 (2).
  - (b) Repayment of moneys loaned to counties, municipalities or persons from the [Oregon Business Development] fund, including interest on those moneys.
    - (c) Payment of such moneys as may be appropriated to the fund by the Legislative Assembly.
    - (d) Moneys obtained from any interest accrued from funds.
    - (e) Moneys from any grant made to the fund by any federal agency.
  - (3) Notwithstanding any other law, if at any time there are insufficient funds in the Oregon Entrepreneurial Development Loan Fund established by ORS 285B.758, the Director of the Economic and Community Development Department may direct the transfer of unobligated funds from the Oregon Business Development Fund to the Oregon Entrepreneurial Development Loan Fund. Transfers under this subsection shall be in amounts necessary to meet the reasonably foreseeable demand for participation in the entrepreneurial loan program.

SECTION 46. ORS 285B.093 is amended to read:

- 285B.093. (1) The Oregon Economic and Community Development Commission may establish the Oregon Targeted Development Account as an account within the Oregon Business Development Fund.
- (2) [If the account is established,] The purpose of the Oregon Targeted Development Account is to promote cooperation and foster partnership among the commission, the Economic and Community Development Department and financial institutions in Oregon to encourage investment in distressed areas, as defined by the department.
- (3) The [Economic and Community Development] department may make loans from the Oregon Targeted Development Account in distressed areas without regard to the minimum rate of interest that is otherwise applicable under ORS 285B.062. The department may make loans in distressed areas at an interest rate that is determined by the [Oregon Economic and Community Development] commission.
- [(4) ORS 285B.059 (2) does not apply to business development projects financed wholly or in part with moneys from the Oregon Targeted Development Account.]
- SECTION 47. The Economic and Community Development Department shall develop rules governing repayment of loans to the Oregon Business Development Fund and collection of moneys owed the fund. The department may take any action permitted by statute or rule that the department deems necessary for repayment of the loan.

# CAPITAL ACCESS PROGRAM

SECTION 48. ORS 285B.126 is amended to read:

- 1 285B.126. As used in ORS 285B.126 to 285B.147, unless the context requires otherwise:
  - (1) "Brownfield" or "brownfields" has the meaning given that term in section 25 of this 2007 Act.
    - (2) "Capital access program" means the program established by ORS 285B.126 to 285B.147.
    - (3) "Environmental action" means activity undertaken to:
    - (a) Determine whether a release, as defined in ORS 465.200, has occurred, whether the release poses a significant threat to human health or the environment or whether additional remedial actions may be required at the site;
      - (b) Conduct a feasibility study;

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- (c) Plan for remedial action or removal; or
- (d) Conduct a remedial action or removal.
- (4) "Financial institution" means a financial institution, as defined in ORS 706.008.
- [(2)] (5) "Loss reserve account" means an account in the State Treasury or any financial institution [which] that is established and maintained by the Economic and Community Development Department for the benefit of a financial institution participating in the capital access program [established under ORS 285B.126 to 285B.147].
- [(3)] (6) "Qualified business" means any person, conducting business for profit or not for profit, that is authorized to conduct business in the State of Oregon.
- [(4)] (7) "Qualified loan" means a loan or portion of a loan made by a financial institution to a qualified business for any business activity that has its primary economic effect in Oregon. The term does not include:
- (a) A loan for the purchase of owner occupied residential housing or for the construction, improvement or purchase of residential housing owned by the borrower.
- (b) A loan for purchase of real property that is not used for the business operations of the borrower.
- (c) A loan for the refinancing of an existing loan when and to the extent that the outstanding balance is not increased.

#### **SECTION 49.** ORS 285B.129 is amended to read:

- 285B.129. [(1) The Legislative Assembly finds that:]
- [(a) There is a persistent shortage of equity capital available to small businesses in Oregon.]
- [(b) Small businesses make important contributions to economic growth and vitality in this state.]
- 32 [(c) Many financial institutions in Oregon are limited in their ability to provide financing to small 33 but rapidly growing businesses.]
  - [(2)] It is the purpose of ORS 285B.126 to 285B.147 to establish a capital access program under which the State of Oregon will provide public fiscal resources to assist Oregon financial institutions to overcome obstacles and constraints in meeting the full range of economically sound financing needs of Oregon businesses.

# SECTION 50. ORS 285B.132 is amended to read:

- 285B.132. (1) The Economic and Community Development Department may contract with any financial institution for the purpose of allowing the financial institution to participate in the capital access program [established by ORS 285B.126 to 285B.147].
- (2) A contract between the [Economic and Community Development] department and a financial institution under this section shall provide:
- 44 (a) For the creation of a loss reserve account by the department for the benefit of the financial institution.

- (b) That the financial institution, qualified business and the department will deposit moneys to the credit of the institution's loss reserve account when the financial institution makes a qualified loan to a qualified business.
- (c) That the department will pay moneys in the loss reserve account, not exceeding an amount equal to the total amount credited to the loss reserve account, to the financial institution to reimburse the institution for any financial loss incurred as a result of any qualified loan made under the capital access program established by ORS 285B.126 to 285B.147.
- (d) That the liability of the State of Oregon and the [Economic and Community Development] department to the financial institution under the contract is limited to the amount of money credited to the loss reserve account of the institution.
- (e) That the financial institution shall provide such information as the department may require, including financial information that is identifiable with, or identifiable from, the financial records of a particular customer who is the recipient of a qualified loan.
  - (f) For such other terms as the department may require.
- (3) A financial institution is not subject to ORS 192.555 (1) when the financial institution provides information to the [*Economic and Community Development*] department as required by subsection (2)(e) of this section.

#### SECTION 51. ORS 285B.135 is amended to read:

- 285B.135. (1) The Economic and Community Development Department shall establish a loss reserve account for each financial institution with which the department makes a contract under ORS 285B.132.
- (2) The loss reserve account for a financial institution shall consist of moneys paid as fees by borrowers and the financial institution under ORS 285B.138 and moneys transferred to the account from the Capital Access Fund under ORS 285B.138.
- (3) Notwithstanding ORS chapter 293 or 295, the department may establish and maintain loss reserve accounts with any financial institution under such policies as the department may adopt. The department may deposit up to \$50,000 per financial institution in a loss reserve account to encourage a financial institution to participate in the capital access program. The total amount of such deposits may not exceed \$250,000 per biennium. The department may establish rules to encourage financial institutions to participate in the capital access program.
- (4) All moneys in a loss reserve account established under ORS 285B.126 to 285B.147 are the property of the State of Oregon.
- [(5) The amounts transferred from the Capital Access Fund to a loss reserve account on behalf of any single qualified business shall not exceed \$150,000.]

#### SECTION 52. ORS 285B.138 is amended to read:

- 285B.138. (1) When a financial institution participates in the capital access program [established by ORS 285B.126 to 285B.147], if the financial institution decides to enroll a qualified loan under the capital access program in order to obtain the protection against loss provided by its loss reserve account, the financial institution shall notify the Economic and Community Development Department of the loan within 30 days after the loan is made. The notification shall be in writing on a form prescribed by the department.
- (2) When making a qualified loan that will be enrolled under the capital access program, the financial institution shall require the qualified business to which the loan is made to pay a fee of not less than one and one-half percent of the principal amount of the loan but not more than three and one-half percent of such principal amount. The financial institution shall also pay a fee in an

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- amount equal to the fee paid by the borrower. The financial institution shall deliver the fees collected under this subsection to the department for deposit in the loss reserve account for the institution.
  - (3) When depositing fees collected under subsection (2) of this section to the credit of the loss reserve account for a financial institution, the department shall transfer an amount that is not less than the total amount of the fees paid by the borrower and the financial institution from the Capital Access Fund to the loss reserve account for the institution.

# SECTION 53. ORS 285B.141 is amended to read:

- 285B.141. (1) The Economic and Community Development Department shall establish procedures under which financial institutions participating in the capital access program [established by ORS 285B.126 to 285B.147] may submit claims for reimbursement for losses incurred as a result of qualified loan defaults.
- (2) Costs for which a financial institution may be reimbursed from its loss reserve account include loan principal, accrued interest on the principal, actual and necessary costs of seeking recovery of the principal amount and interest thereon and any other related costs.
- (3) A financial institution may seek reimbursement of loan losses prior to the liquidation of collateral from defaulted loans. The financial institution shall repay its loss reserve account for any moneys received as reimbursement under this section if the financial institution recovers moneys from the borrower or from the liquidation of collateral for the defaulted loan.

#### **SECTION 54.** ORS 285B.147 is amended to read:

- 285B.147. (1) There is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund, the Capital Access Fund. All moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Economic and Community Development Department for the purpose of making payments to loss reserve accounts established under ORS 285B.126 to 285B.147.
- (2) Moneys in the Capital Access Fund, with the approval of the State Treasurer, may be invested as provided by ORS 293.701 to 293.820, and the earnings from such investment shall be credited to the Capital Access Fund.
  - (3) The Capital Access Fund shall consist of:
  - (a) Moneys appropriated to the fund by the Legislative Assembly.
  - (b) Interest earned on moneys in the fund.
  - (c) Moneys returned to the fund from loss reserve accounts or other sources.
- (4) If the department deems retrieval of interest earned on loss reserve accounts appropriate, the department may transfer into the fund up to 50 percent of the interest earned on moneys in loss reserve accounts.
- [(4)] (5) The [Economic and Community Development] department may charge administrative costs to the fund to pay for actual and necessary administrative expenses incurred by the department in administering the fund and establishing and maintaining loss reserve accounts under ORS 285B.126 to 285B.147.

#### CREDIT ENHANCEMENT FUND

**SECTION 55.** ORS 285B.200 is amended to read:

285B.200. As used in ORS 285B.200 to 285B.218:

(1) "Brownfield" or "brownfields" has the meaning given that term in section 25 of this 2007 Act.

[(1) "Department" means the Economic and Community Development Department.]

- (2) "Eligible project costs" includes productive equipment and machinery, working capital for operations and export transactions and such other costs as the **Economic and Community Development** Department, by rule, may provide.
  - [(3) "Emerging small business" has the meaning given that term in ORS 200.005.]
- (3) "Environmental action" has the meaning given that term in section 48 of this 2007 Act.
- (4) "Financial institution" includes institutions listed in ORS 706.008 and such other institutions defined by rule of the Economic and Community Development Department as financial institutions for purposes of ORS 285B.200 to 285B.218.
- (5) "Qualified business" means any existing or proposed business [entity with an average annual employment not exceeding 200 employees] that, except when located within a distressed area, as defined by the Economic and Community Development Department, sells goods or services in markets for which national or international competition exists or that owns, occupies, operates or has entered into an agreement to own, occupy or operate real property containing a brownfield[, as defined in ORS 285A.185]. The term includes professional services companies providing services to traded sector industries and other entities within and outside of this state.
- (6) "Value-added agricultural products" means agricultural products that have been processed, transformed or refined to the point where they may be distributed to a final consumer without further processing, transformation or refining. The term also includes agricultural products that are processed, transformed or refined for distribution to other than final consumers when such processing, transformation or refining represents a substantial increment in value as determined by the Economic and Community Development Department in consultation with the State Department of Agriculture.

SECTION 56. ORS 285B.203 is amended to read:

285B.203. [(1) The Legislative Assembly finds that:]

- [(a) Small and medium sized businesses in general, and firms that produce value-added agricultural products in particular, are adversely affected by the current credit crisis.]
- [(b) Small companies have historically had a difficult time obtaining credit, especially on terms that allow them to grow and to create jobs.]
- [(c) The limited availability of credit for export transactions limits the ability of small and medium sized businesses in Oregon to compete in international markets.]
- [(d) The challenge for the public economic sector is to design programs, in conjunction with lending institutions in the private economic sector, that fill the gaps in credit availability and export finance.]
- [(e) Without substantial financial assistance to promote redevelopment, properties containing brownfields, as defined in ORS 285A.185, often remain abandoned or underutilized because of the uncertainty concerning environmental contamination at the sites and the cost of reducing or eliminating the contamination.]
- [(2)] The Legislative Assembly declares that it is the purpose of the Credit Enhancement Fund [established under ORS 285B.215 (1) and (2)] to:
- [(a)] (1) Create incentives and assistance to increase the flow of private capital to the value-added agriculture industries.
  - [(b)] (2) Promote industrial modernization and technology adoption.
- 44 [(c)] (3) Encourage the retention and creation of family wage jobs.
- 45 [(d)] (4) Encourage the export of goods and services by Oregon businesses in international

markets.

[(e)] (5) Encourage and promote the redevelopment of brownfields[, as defined in ORS 285A.185,] by providing assistance to perform environmental action[, as defined in ORS 285A.188,] on brownfield sites.

#### **SECTION 57.** ORS 285B.206 is amended to read:

- 285B.206. (1) The Economic and Community Development Department shall develop a program under which the department, under contracts with financial institutions, shall provide loan guarantees, insurance, coinsurance in conjunction with other providers of loan guarantee programs or other forms of credit guarantees for qualified businesses for eligible project costs.
- (2) In administering the program created by ORS 285B.200 to 285B.218, the department shall consult and cooperate with financial institutions in this state. The program shall be administered so that administrative procedures and application procedures are as responsive to the needs of qualified businesses and financial institutions as practicable, consistent with prudent investment and lending practices and criteria.
- (3) The department shall prescribe by rule the loan or credit guarantee application procedure for a financial institution on behalf of a qualified business.
- (4) When the department approves a loan or credit guarantee, the department shall enter into a loan or credit guarantee agreement with the financial institution. The agreement shall specify:
  - [(a) The fee to be charged to the financial institution;]
  - [(b)] (a) The evidence of debt assurance of, and security for, the loan or credit guarantee;
  - [(c)] (b) A loan guarantee or credit guarantee which does not exceed 15 years; and
  - [(d)] (c) Such other terms and conditions considered necessary or desirable by the department.
- [(5) The department may adopt procedures for loan or credit guarantees whereby a qualified business may apply directly to the department for a preliminary guarantee commitment. Such preliminary guarantee commitments may be issued by the department subject to the qualified business securing a commitment for financing from a financial institution. The procedures adopted by the department shall specify the process by which a financial institution may obtain a final loan or credit guarantee.]

#### SECTION 58. ORS 285B.209 is amended to read:

- 285B.209. (1) When making loan or credit guarantees under the program established under [ORS 285B.206] ORS 285B.200 to 285B.218, the Economic and Community Development Department shall establish fees and other terms for loan or credit guarantees that are calculated to reasonably assure that businesses with access to other forms of private capital will find it economical not to participate in the program.
- (2) The department, with due regard for the possibility of losses and administrative costs, shall set fees and other terms at levels sufficient to reasonably assure that the program is self-financing.
- [(3) When making loan or credit guarantees under the program established under ORS 285B.200 to 285B.218, the department shall establish fees and other terms for loan or credit guarantees that are calculated to reasonably assure that qualified businesses with access to other forms of private capital will find it economical not to participate in the program.]
- [(4) With due regard for the possibility of losses and administrative costs, the department shall set fees and other terms at levels sufficient to reasonably assure that the program is self-financing.]
- [(5) For a preliminary guarantee commitment issued under ORS 285B.206 (5), the department may charge the qualified business an application fee. The fee shall be in addition to any other fees charged by the department under this section and may not exceed \$250 for each application.]

# SECTION 59. ORS 285B.215 is amended to read:

285B.215. (1) There is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund, the Credit Enhancement Fund. All moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Economic and Community Development Department for the following purposes:

- (a) Payment of claims pursuant to contracts for loan or credit guarantees under ORS 285B.200 to 285B.218.
- (b) Payment of administrative costs of the department for actual and necessary administrative expenses incurred by the department in administering the fund and establishing and maintaining the program established under ORS 285B.200 to 285B.218.
  - (c) Repayment of transfers of funds required or authorized by law.
- (d) Purchase or buyout of superior or prior liens, mortgages or security interests.
  - (2) Moneys in the Credit Enhancement Fund shall consist of:
  - (a) Moneys appropriated to the fund by the Legislative Assembly, including moneys derived from the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund.
    - (b) Proceeds from collateral assigned to the department.
- (c) Interest earned on moneys in the fund.
  - (d) Transfers of moneys to the fund.
  - (e) Fees assessed for guarantees, as determined by the department.
  - (f) Moneys from gifts.
  - (g) Moneys from any grant made to the fund by any federal agency.
- (h) Proceeds of insurance provided by the Export-Import Bank of the United States or by any other provider of insurance for export transactions.
- [(3) In each biennium, not less than 20 percent of all moneys available for loan guarantees from the Credit Enhancement Fund is reserved for loan guarantees to emerging small businesses.]

## SECTION 60. ORS 285B.218 is amended to read:

285B.218. (1) The Economic and Community Development Department is authorized to pledge up to \$75 million to assure the repayment of loan guarantees or other extensions of credit made to or on behalf of qualified businesses for eligible projects costs.

(2) If the balances in the Credit Enhancement Fund are insufficient to cover any claims by financial institutions that arise from loan and credit guarantees made under ORS 285B.200 to 285B.218, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services is directed to transfer in the fiscal year as often as appropriate any funds from the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund to cover such principal, interest and claims, subject to the condition that no such transfer shall be made prior to the satisfaction of any constitutionally dedicated distribution, the allocation under ORS 391.130 to the Regional Light Rail Extension Construction Fund [and the allocation to the Department of Environmental Quality for the debt services described in section 1, chapter 537, Oregon Laws 1993] or any allocations related to the lottery bond program authorized by ORS 286.560 (6)(a) or (b).

#### REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## **SECTION 61.** ORS 285B.230 is amended to read:

285B.230. As used in ORS 285B.230 to 285B.269, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (1) "Region" means groups of counties designated by the Economic and Community Development Department or recognized in a regional partnership as provided in ORS 285B.236 (3).
  - (2) "Regional board" means a board comprised of individuals described in ORS 285B.242 (1) and

- jointly appointed by the county governing bodies of each county in the region to develop, fund, implement and monitor the achievement of the regional investment strategy.
- (3) "Regional investment strategy" is a long-term economic development strategy, updated [each biennium] every six years, that focuses on the economic development priorities of each region, including but not limited to:
- (a) Supporting communities and populations that have been left out of Oregon's economic expansion and diversification;
- (b) Helping companies that are starting up or are already doing business in Oregon to compete globally;
  - (c) Ensuring that economic strategies reinforce Oregon's long-term prosperity and livability; and
  - (d) Coordinating efforts of economic development, education and workforce development.
- (4) "Regional partnership" means a group of regional and economic development partners, including but not limited to cities, counties, ports, Indian tribes, special districts, nonprofit organizations and private organizations, that join together as a regional partnership in a memorandum of understanding between the members of the partnership and the directors of the Department of Transportation, the Economic and Community Development Department, the Housing and Community Services Department, the Department of Land Conservation and Development, the State Department of Agriculture, the Department of State Lands and the Department of Environmental Quality to provide a forum for coordination of economic development planning and investments so that strategies and processes for economic development are leveraged to the greatest extent possible to meet agreed-upon priority issues, challenges and goals.

### **SECTION 62.** ORS 285B.236 is amended to read:

- 285B.236. (1) The Economic and Community Development Department, by rule, shall adopt guidelines for submission of regional investment strategies and distribution of funds.
- (2) The guidelines shall provide that the regional investment strategies are approved in accordance with criteria reflecting the economic benefits to the state. Each regional investment strategy must at a minimum set forth in measurable terms the extent to which the strategy will accomplish the economic development priorities of the region.
- (3) The department, in collaboration with counties, shall establish regions, based on information and advice received from county governing bodies and on historical, cultural and economic links among counties. **Unless there is a recognized regional partnership,** a region shall consist of at least two contiguous counties. For any area in which a regional partnership is established, the department may accept the regional boundaries designated by the partnership.
  - (4) The department shall require each region to examine its economic development needs.

### SECTION 63. ORS 285B.239 is amended to read:

- 285B.239. (1) Regional investment strategies shall serve as a basis for state financial assistance to projects or activities to meet regional economic development priorities. Each group of counties that forms a region shall submit a regional investment strategy that at a minimum shall include the following elements:
  - [(1)] (a) An identification of short-term and long-term regional economic development priorities;
- [(2)] **(b)** An analysis of the unique or significant resources that provide the foundation for the regional investment strategy;
- [(3)] (c) An analysis of barriers to implementation of the regional investment strategy and an identification of the means to overcome those barriers;
- [(4)] (d) A long-term plan to implement the regional investment strategy, including necessary

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1 actions by:

- 2 [(a)] (A) Local governments;
- 3 [(b)] **(B)** The private sector;
- 4 [(c)] (C) State government; and
- 5 [(d)] (**D**) Federal government;
  - [(5)] (e) A [two-year] six-year investment strategy that describes projects [and] or activities to be undertaken or funded by the state from lottery proceeds and other sources. For a region that has a recognized regional partnership under ORS 285B.236, the projects or activities may include investment of all or part of the moneys received by the region from the Regional Investment Fund [or the Rural Investment Fund] to provide moneys for the administration or financing of long-term or future economic development projects or activities;
    - [(6)] (f) A plan for involvement of disadvantaged and minority groups in the region;
  - [(7)] (g) Performance measurements for meeting the objective set forth in ORS 285B.236 (2). Each region shall develop an evaluation plan, as part of its regional investment strategy, for measuring and monitoring regional investment strategy performance. The evaluation plan shall include regional benchmarks for monitoring achievement of the regional investment strategies and priorities. When regional benchmarks are established, regional performance measures shall be determined after negotiation between the regional board and the Oregon Economic and Community Development Commission. The regional performance measures shall include goals for:
  - [(a)] (A) Projected long-term and short-term job creation and retention activities, including the number of jobs created and retained and wage levels;
    - [(b)] (B) Leveraging long-term investments; and
    - [(c)] (C) Maximizing moneys leveraged with short-term investments;
  - [(8)] (h) Periodic submission by the regional board of performance reports, in a form prescribed by the Economic and Community Development Department for regional investment strategies, to the county governing bodies in the region, the Oregon Economic and Community Development Commission[, the Governor] and the Legislative Assembly; and
  - [(9)] (i) An overall strategy management and project or activity implementation strategy that demonstrates that a region has the capacity to allocate resources and insures that such resources are effectively used.
  - (2) Each regional board shall include a rural set aside consistent with the purposes and objectives of the Regional Investment Fund.
  - (3) In each biennium, a regional board may dedicate all or a portion of the monies distributed to the board from the Regional Investment Fund for technical assistance and staff support for updating the regional investment strategy and for developing programs and projects. The regional board shall determine the amount of moneys dedicated to such purposes.

**SECTION 64.** ORS 285B.242 is amended to read:

285B.242. (1) The governing body of each county of this state shall be responsible for the submission of a regional investment strategy as provided in ORS 285B.239. The governing body of a county shall designate a regional board to develop the regional investment strategy. The regional board shall consist of individuals who represent various local interests including cities, counties, ports, special districts and Indian tribes and significant representation from the private economic sector. The regional board shall include members who are representatives of rural interests, including local government.

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- (2) The regional board shall be responsible for developing the regional investment strategy for the region.
- (3) The regional board shall hold a public hearing in each county in the region prior to a vote by the governing bodies of the counties to recommend to the [Governor] **Economic and Community Development Department** the regional investment strategy described in ORS 285B.239.
- (4) In developing the implementation strategy provided for in ORS 285B.239 [(5)] (1)(e), a regional board shall consult with industries, cities, ports, special districts, regional workforce committees and federally recognized Oregon Indian tribes located in the region.
- (5) A region shall submit the regional investment strategy to the [Economic and Community Development] department for review by the Oregon Economic and Community Development Commission. The department shall work with regions to refine regional investment strategies and ensure compliance with the requirements of ORS 285B.230 to 285B.269. [The Oregon Economic and Community Development Commission shall make recommendations on approval of the strategy to the Governor for final approval or shall return the strategy to the regional board for further modification.]
- (6) The [Economic and Community Development] department shall be responsible for identifying common issues among regions, developing statewide strategies and organizing opportunities for regions to address them.
- (7) After a regional investment strategy is developed by a regional board, adopted by the governing bodies of the counties and approved by the [Governor] department, the regional board, [in each biennium] every six years, shall update the strategy and recommend [a two-year] the implementation strategy. The implementation strategy shall be adopted by the governing bodies of the counties after input from the cities, ports, special districts, Indian tribes, private economic sector and other parties in the region, shall be reviewed by the Oregon Economic and Community Development Commission [and must be approved by the Governor before taking effect].
- (8) The Governor may delegate responsibility for review and approval of a regional investment strategy to a regional partnership.

### SECTION 65. ORS 285B.245 is amended to read:

- 285B.245. [(1) After considering the recommendations submitted, the Governor may adopt a proposed regional investment strategy or return the strategy to the affected counties for modification.]
- [(2)] (1) The Economic and Community Development Department shall coordinate adopted regional investment strategies with existing state and local economic development efforts to support a state strategy for economic development. Regions using regional investment funds for tourism or industrial marketing projects must, as a condition for receiving the funds, demonstrate that the projects complement and are consistent with existing statewide marketing campaigns. The department shall work with regions to ensure coordination among statewide marketing efforts and regional tourism, [and] industrial marketing projects and industrial or commercial land development funded through the regional investment program established under ORS 285B.230 to 285B.269.
- [(3)] (2) The department shall discourage competition among regions for existing Oregon businesses and economic activity.

## SECTION 66. ORS 285B.260 is amended to read:

285B.260. (1) There is created a Regional Investment Fund, separate and distinct from the General Fund, to consist of all moneys credited thereto, including moneys from the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund, and all interest earned on the Regional Investment Fund. The fund is continuously appropriated to the Economic and Community Development Department to be used for grants to implement ORS 171.845, 280.518 and 285B.230 to 285B.269.

- (2) The department may use moneys in the Regional Investment Fund to pay for the administrative expenses of operating the regional investment program under ORS 285B.230 to 285B.269.
- (3) The fund shall not be used to retire any debt [or to], to reimburse any person or municipality for expenditures made or expenses incurred prior to the adoption of a regional investment strategy or to substitute for local government expenditures for existing and continuing public services. The department shall adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this subsection.
- (4) After consulting with regional boards and representatives of rural communities, the department, by rule, shall adopt standards, objectives and criteria for the use and distribution of moneys in the Regional Investment Fund.
- (5) The Regional Investment Fund is created to provide a flexible funding source for financing those locally determined programs and projects that may not be eligible for financing through other state and federal funding sources.

**SECTION 67.** ORS 285B.263 is amended to read:

- 285B.263. (1) In each biennium, the Economic and Community Development Department shall expend moneys from the Regional Investment Fund for:
- (a) Technical assistance and staff support for preparation and update of regional investment strategies;
- (b) Projects or activities implementing an approved regional investment strategy and implementing priorities described in the strategy; [and]
  - (c) Personnel necessary to administer the strategies and projects or activities[.]; and
- (d) Other activities consistent with the adopted regional investment strategy in accordance with ORS 285B.239.
- [(2) In each biennium, the Oregon Economic and Community Development Commission, by rule and in agreement with the Association of Oregon Counties, League of Oregon Cities and Oregon Public Ports Association, may provide funds from any source available to the department to establish strategic regional investment opportunities consistent with the policies described in ORS 285B.266. Funding for projects or activities under this subsection shall be awarded, at the discretion of the commission, according to the quality of the defined projects or activities.]
- [(3)] (2) In each biennium, a regional board may dedicate a portion of regional investment funds for technical assistance and staff support for regional investment strategy development and refinement and development and administration of regional partnerships. The portion of funds so dedicated shall be determined by the **Oregon Economic and Community Development** Commission. The commission shall provide regional boards with these funds prior to approval of regional investment strategies.
- [(4)] (3) In each biennium, a regional board may dedicate a portion of regional investment funds to provide grants or loans to individual private businesses for fixed asset acquisition. Such funds must be used to make grants and loans that are consistent with the regional investment strategy and that support the regional priorities included in the regional investment strategy. The terms and conditions of grants or loans to be made under this subsection must be contained in the regional investment strategy at the time it is submitted for state review.
- [(5)] (4) After a regional investment strategy is adopted, the department in each calendar quarter shall provide regional investment funds, less any moneys used for technical assistance and staff support for regional investment strategy development, to the region. Moneys received under this subsection shall be used for development of projects or activities based upon an evaluation by the regional board of the merit and readiness of the projects or activities. Projects and activities that

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receive such financial assistance must be consistent with the priorities of the approved regional investment strategy.

[(6)] (5) In each biennium, each regional board shall submit a report to the Governor and the Legislative Assembly that describes the expenditure of moneys received under this section and indicates the success, as defined by specified performance measurements, of the funded projects or activities in achieving the regional economic development priorities described in ORS 285B.236 (2).

SECTION 68. ORS 285B.264 is amended to read:

- 285B.264. [(1) Notwithstanding ORS 285B.254 (3), distributions from the Rural Investment Fund created under ORS 285B.254 and] The Regional Investment Fund created under ORS 285B.260 shall be evaluated to determine if the regional investment strategy funded by a distribution has met the criteria established by the strategy for:
- [(a)] (1) Long-term and short-term job creation and retention activities, including the number of jobs created and retained and wage levels;
  - [(b)] (2) Leveraging long-term investments; [and]
  - [(c)] (3) Maximizing moneys leveraged with short-term investments[.]; and
  - (4) The success of other community development projects funded.
- [(2) The Economic and Community Development Department shall adopt rules to ensure that future grants to a regional board are based on the past performance of the board in meeting the criteria established for the regional investment strategy described in subsection (1) of this section.]

INNOVATION ACCELERATION

SECTION 69. (1) The Innovation Acceleration Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. The fund shall consist of all moneys credited to the fund, including moneys from the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund. Interest earned by the Innovation Acceleration Fund shall be credited to the fund. Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Economic and Community Development Department for all of the following purposes:

- (a) To provide funds for activities outlined in ORS 285B.286.
- (b) To assist Oregon's workforce in meeting the competitive needs of a global marketplace and in anticipating global marketplace changes.
- (c) To invest in workforce development, including immediate training and skill development to create "ready to hire" workers for identified industry clusters.
- (d) To assist traded sector and cluster affiliated Oregon businesses and consortia in making investments that advance workplace skills or other identified competitiveness objectives of existing Oregon cluster businesses.
  - (2)(a) The fund may not be used:
  - (A) To retire any debt; or
- (B) To pay administrative expenses of the department, except upon approval of the Legislative Assembly or, if the Legislative Assembly is not in session, the Emergency Board.
- (b) Expenses that are project related may not be considered to be administrative expenses of the department.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS

## SECTION 70. ORS 285B.320 is amended to read:

285B.320. [The Legislative Assembly finds that by use of the powers and procedures described in ORS 285B.320 to 285B.371 for the assembling and financing of lands for industrial, solid waste disposal, commercial and research and development uses and for the construction and financing of facilities for such uses, financed through the issuance of bonds secured solely by the properties, lease payments, loan payments, rentals or other financing payments thus made available, the state may be able to reduce substantially in various counties the occurrence of economic conditions requiring more expensive remedial action.] It is the purpose of ORS 285B.320 to 285B.371 to authorize the exercise of powers granted by ORS 285B.320 to 285B.371 by this state in addition to and not in lieu of any other powers it may possess.

## SECTION 71. ORS 285B.323 is amended to read:

285B.323. As used in ORS 285B.320 to 285B.371, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (1) "Bond" means any evidence of indebtedness, including but not limited to any bond, note, obligation, loan agreement, financing agreement, contracts for leasing, rental or financing of real or personal property, including contracts for rental, long term leases under an optional contract for purchase, financing agreements with vendors, financial institutions or others or for purchase of any property secured by revenues or from other financing sources as provided in ORS 285B.320 to 285B.371. A bond, as defined in this subsection and issued under ORS 285B.320 to 285B.371, shall be considered a revenue bond for purposes of ORS 286.031.
- (2) "Economic development project" includes any properties, real or personal, used or useful in connection with a revenue producing enterprise [or any solid waste disposal facilities and] or exempt facilities, exempt persons or related vehicles, rolling stock or equipment. "Economic development project" [shall] does not include any facility or facilities designed primarily for the generation, transmission, sale or distribution of electrical energy.
- (3) "Eligible project" means an economic development project found by the Oregon Economic and Community Development Commission to meet standards of the commission adopted under ORS 285A.110. The commission may treat as a single eligible project for bonding purposes any number of economic development projects determined to be eligible projects.

### **SECTION 72.** ORS 285B.326 is amended to read:

- 285B.326. (1) Upon determining **that** an economic development project **is** an ["]eligible project,["] the Oregon Economic and Community Development Commission shall forward the application to the State Treasurer, who shall determine whether to issue the bonds.
- (2) The commission shall collect [the] fees [set forth in subsection (3) of this section] from an applicant that seeks to have an economic development project declared eligible for financing in accordance with an application fee schedule established by rule by the Economic and Community Development Department. The fee may be collected even though the project has not been determined to be eligible for financing. Moneys collected under this subsection shall be deposited in the Oregon Community Development Fund created under ORS 285A.227 and are continuously appropriated to the commission for the purpose of administration or funding of any program it is authorized to operate.
  - [(3) The fees described in subsection (2) of this section are as follows:]
  - [(a) \$250 for an application of not to exceed \$500,000.]
  - [(b) \$500 for an application of more than \$500,000.]
- [(c) A closing fee of not to exceed one-half of one percent of the total bond issue for the project, as determined by the commission.]

(3) The commission may receive reimbursement for administrative expenses, including but not limited to expenses for the initial review of the application and later expenses related to eligible projects.

SECTION 73. ORS 285B.329 is amended to read:

285B.329. (1) The state, acting through the State Treasurer, shall not undertake to finance any economic development project pursuant to ORS 285B.320 to 285B.371 before the Oregon Economic and Community Development Commission has reviewed the project [pursuant to standards adopted under ORS 285A.110].

(2) The commission is not required to make the determination and findings described in ORS 285A.055 (1) and (2) if the economic development project involves **exempt facilities** [a solid waste disposal facility] and related vehicles, rolling stock or equipment when the project does not require any private activity volume cap under ORS 286.605 to 286.645.

### CONFORMING AMENDMENTS

### **SECTION 74.** ORS 238.015 is amended to read:

238.015. (1) No person may become a member of the system unless that person is in the service of a public employer and has completed six months' service uninterrupted by more than 30 consecutive working days during the six months' period. Every employee of a participating employer shall become a member of the system at the beginning of the first full pay period of the employee following the six months' period. Contributions for new members shall first be made for those wages that are attributable to services performed by the employee during the first full pay period following the six months' period, without regard to when those wages are considered earned for other purposes under this chapter. All public employers participating in the Public Employees Retirement System established by chapter 401, Oregon Laws 1945, as amended, at the time of repeal of that chapter, and all school districts of the state, shall participate in, and their employees shall be members of, the system, except as otherwise specifically provided by law.

- (2) Any active member of the Public Employees Retirement System who, through the annexation of a political subdivision employing the member or by change of employment, becomes the employee of another political subdivision which is participating in the Public Employees Retirement System and has also a separate retirement system for its employees, shall remain an active member of the Public Employees Retirement System unless, within 60 days after the effective date of the annexation or change of employment or April 8, 1953, the member shall by written notice to the Public Employees Retirement Board and to the administrative body of the new public employer elect to relinquish membership in the Public Employees Retirement System and become a member of the separate retirement system of the employer, if eligible for membership in that retirement system, and the member shall be so carried by the new employer. Immediately upon such annexation of any political subdivision or such change of employment, the new public employer shall inform such employee in writing of the right of the employee to exercise an election as in this section provided.
- (3) A political subdivision (other than a school district) not participating in the retirement system established by chapter 401, Oregon Laws 1945, as amended, which employs one or more employees, each of whose position requires 600 hours of service per year, or an agency created by two or more political subdivisions to provide themselves governmental services, which employs one or more employees, each of whose position requires 600 hours of service per year, may, through its governing body, notify the board in writing, that it elects to include its employees in the system

hereby established. Such public employer may request the board to make a study and estimate of the cost of including it and its eligible employees, other than volunteer firefighters, in the system, which the board thereupon shall cause to be made and the cost of which the employer shall bear. Upon completion of the study and estimate the employer may apply for admission to the system, whereupon it shall begin to participate therein and its eligible employees other than volunteer firefighters shall become members of the system. If the employer is an agency created by two or more political subdivisions to provide themselves governmental services and ceases thereafter to transmit to the board contributions for any of its eligible employees, the benefits based upon employer contributions to which such employees would otherwise be entitled shall be reduced accordingly.

- (4) No inmate of a state institution or an alien on a training or educational visa working for any participating employer, even though the inmate or alien received compensation from a participating employer, shall be eligible to become a member of the system. No person employed by a participating employer and defined by such employer as a student employee is eligible to become a member of the system for such student employment.
- (5) A person holding an elective office or an appointive office with a fixed term or an office as head of a department to which the person is appointed by the Governor may become a member of the system by giving the board written notice of desire to do so within 30 days after taking the office or, in the event that the officer is not eligible to become a member of the system at the time of taking the office, within 30 days after becoming so eligible. Membership so established shall not be discontinued during the appointive or elective term of the officer except upon separation of the officer from service.
- (6) A public employer employing volunteer firefighters may apply to the board at any time for them to become members of the system. Upon receiving the application the board shall fix a wage at which, for purposes of this chapter only, they shall be considered to be employed and which shall be the basis for computing the amounts of the contributions, if any, which they pay into, and of the benefits which they and their beneficiaries receive from, the fund; and if the wage so fixed is satisfactory to the employer, shall include the firefighters in the system.
- (7)(a) In the event that an employee enters the service of a public employer which is participating in or later begins to participate in the system and in the event that at the time of entering that service or at the time that the employer begins to participate in the system the employee has commenced to purchase and is continuing to purchase a retirement annuity, if the employer deems the annuity adequate for the purposes of this chapter, it may enter into an agreement with the employee and the board pursuant to which the employee may be exempted from contributing to the Public Employees Retirement Fund, and, if no public funds are being used to purchase the annuity or a corresponding pension, the employer, in lieu of the contributions which it otherwise would make to the fund on account of the employee, may make contributions toward the cost of purchasing the annuity. Such employee otherwise shall be subject to the provisions of this chapter, except that neither the employee nor any person claiming under the employee shall receive any payments from the retirement fund as service or disability allowance.
- (b) An employee who enters into an agreement under paragraph (a) of this subsection may elect at any time thereafter to start to participate in the system by giving written notice of desire to participate to the board and to the employer. The employee shall receive no retirement credit for the period during which the employee was exempted from contributing to the fund under the agreement, but the employee shall be considered to have completed the six months' service required for membership in the system. When the employee starts to participate in the system the employer

shall start to contribute to the fund on account of the employee in the same manner as the employer contributes on account of other employees who are active members of the system and the employer shall stop making contributions toward the cost of purchasing the retirement annuity.

- (8)(a) All new appointees in the Federal Cooperative Extension Service or in any other service in which participation in the Federal Civil Service retirement program is mandatory, who receive a federal appointment on or after July 1, 1955, may participate in the Public Employees Retirement System only by giving written notice of their election to so participate to the Public Employees Retirement Board within six months after the effective date of their appointment.
- (b) All persons employed by the Federal Cooperative Extension Service or by any other service in which participation in the Federal Civil Service retirement program is mandatory, who are under federal appointment as of July 1, 1955, and who are members of the state retirement system, shall continue such membership unless, prior to February 1, 1956, they give written notice to the Public Employees Retirement Board of their desire to cancel their membership.
- (c) Any person who is an active member of the Public Employees Retirement System, who, on or after July 1, 1955, is employed by the Federal Cooperative Extension Service or by any other service in which participation in the Federal Civil Service retirement program is mandatory, and who is given a federal appointment, shall continue such membership in the Public Employees Retirement System unless, within six months after the effective date of the appointment, the person gives written notice to the Public Employees Retirement Board of the desire to cancel membership.
- (d) A cancellation of membership under paragraph (b) or (c) of this subsection terminates membership in the Public Employees Retirement System and cancels the right to any benefits from, or claims against, that system. Such cancellation prevents the withdrawing member from claiming thereafter any retirement credit for any period of employment before the cancellation. Upon receipt of a notice of cancellation, the Public Employees Retirement Board shall refund the member account of the withdrawing member, regardless of the age of the withdrawing member.
- (9) Employees, including managers, of foreign trade offices of the Economic and Community Development Department who live and perform services in foreign countries under the provisions of [ORS 285A.090 (13)] ORS 285A.075 (1)(h) shall not be members of the system. However, any person who is an active member of the system immediately before becoming an employee of a foreign trade office shall continue to be a member of the system during the period of time the person serves as an employee of the foreign trade office.
- (10) An employee who is participating in an alternative retirement program established pursuant to ORS 353.250 or an optional retirement plan established pursuant to ORS 341.551 may not be an active member of the Public Employees Retirement System.

SECTION 75. ORS 238A.005 is amended to read:

238A.005. For the purposes of this chapter:

- (1) "Active member" means a member of the pension program or the individual account program of the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan who is actively employed in a qualifying position.
- (2) "Actuarial equivalent" means a payment or series of payments having the same value as the payment or series of payments replaced, computed on the basis of interest rate and mortality assumptions adopted by the board.
  - (3) "Board" means the Public Employees Retirement Board.
- (4) "Eligible employee" means a person who performs services for a participating public employer, including elected officials other than judges. "Eligible employee" does not include:
  - (a) Persons engaged as independent contractors;

- (b) Aliens working under a training or educational visa;
  - (c) Persons, other than workers in the Industries for the Blind Program under ORS 346.190, provided sheltered employment or make-work by a public employer;
    - (d) Persons categorized by a participating public employer as student employees;
      - (e) Any person who is an inmate of a state institution;
- (f) Employees of foreign trade offices of the Economic and Community Development Department who live and perform services in foreign countries under the provisions of [ORS 285A.090 (13)] **ORS** 285A.075 (1)(h);
- (g) An employee actively participating in an alternative retirement program established under ORS 353.250 or an optional retirement plan established under ORS 341.551;
- (h) Employees of the Oregon University System who are actively participating in an optional retirement plan offered under ORS 243.800;
- (i) Any employee who belongs to a class of employees that was not eligible on August 28, 2003, for membership in the system under the provisions of ORS chapter 238 or other law;
- (j) Any person who belongs to a class of employees who are not eligible to become members of the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan under the provisions of ORS 238A.070 (2);
- (k) Any person who is retired under ORS 238A.100 to 238A.245 or ORS chapter 238 and who continues to receive retirement benefits while employed; and
  - (L) Judges.

- (5) "Firefighter" means:
- (a) A person employed by a local government, as defined in ORS 174.116, whose primary job duties include the fighting of fires;
- (b) The State Fire Marshal, the chief deputy state fire marshal and deputy state fire marshals; and
- (c) An employee of the State Forestry Department who is certified by the State Forester as a professional wildland firefighter and whose primary duties include the abatement of uncontrolled fires as described in ORS 477.064.
  - (6) "Fund" means the Public Employees Retirement Fund.
  - (7)(a) "Hour of service" means:
- (A) An hour for which an eligible employee is directly or indirectly paid or entitled to payment by a participating public employer for performance of duties in a qualifying position; and
- (B) An hour of vacation, holiday, illness, incapacity, jury duty, military duty or authorized leave during which an employee does not perform duties but for which the employee is directly or indirectly paid or entitled to payment by a participating public employer for services in a qualifying position, as long as the hour is within the number of hours regularly scheduled for the performance of duties during the period of vacation, holiday, illness, incapacity, jury duty, military duty or authorized leave.
- (b) "Hour of service" does not include any hour for which payment is made or due under a plan maintained solely for the purpose of complying with applicable workers' compensation laws or unemployment compensation laws.
- (8) "Inactive member" means a member of the pension program or the individual account program of the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan whose membership has not been terminated, who is not a retired member and who is not employed in a qualifying position.
- (9) "Individual account program" means the defined contribution individual account program of the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan established under ORS 238A.025.

- (10) "Member" means an eligible employee who has established membership in the pension program or the individual account program of the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan and whose membership has not been terminated under ORS 238A.110 or 238A.310.
- (11) "Participating public employer" means a public employer as defined in ORS 238.005 that provides retirement benefits for employees of the public employer under the system.
- (12) "Pension program" means the defined benefit pension program of the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan established under ORS 238A.025.
  - (13) "Police officer" means a police officer as described in ORS 238.005.
- (14) "Qualifying position" means one or more jobs with one or more participating public employers in which an eligible employee performs 600 or more hours of service in a calendar year, excluding any service in a job for which benefits are not provided under the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan pursuant to ORS 238A.070 (2).
- (15) "Retired member" means a pension program member who is receiving a pension as provided in ORS 238A.180 to 238A.195.
- (16)(a) "Salary" means the remuneration paid to an active member in return for services to the participating public employer, including remuneration in the form of living quarters, board or other items of value, to the extent the remuneration is includable in the employee's taxable income under Oregon law. Salary includes the additional amounts specified in paragraph (b) of this subsection, but does not include the amounts specified in paragraph (c) of this subsection, regardless of whether those amounts are includable in taxable income.
  - (b) "Salary" includes the following amounts:

- (A) Payments of employee and employer money into a deferred compensation plan that are made at the election of the employee.
- (B) Contributions to a tax-sheltered or deferred annuity that are made at the election of the employee.
- (C) Any amount that is contributed to a cafeteria plan or qualified transportation fringe benefit plan by the employer at the election of the employee and that is not includable in the taxable income of the employee by reason of 26 U.S.C. 125 or 132(f)(4), as in effect on August 29, 2003.
- (D) Any amount that is contributed to a cash or deferred arrangement by the employer at the election of the employee and that is not included in the taxable income of the employee by reason of 26 U.S.C. 402(e)(3), as in effect on August 29, 2003.
- (E) Retroactive payments made to an employee to correct a clerical error, pursuant to an award by a court or by order of or pursuant to a conciliation agreement with an administration agency charged with enforcing federal or state law protecting the employee's rights to employment or wages, which shall be allocated to and deemed paid in the periods in which the work was done or in which the work would have been done.
- (F) The amount of an employee contribution to the individual account program that is paid by the employer and deducted from the compensation of the employee, as provided under ORS 238A.335 (1) and (2)(a).
- (G) The amount of an employee contribution to the individual account program that is not paid by the employer under ORS 238A.335.
- 42 (H) Wages of a deceased member paid to a surviving spouse or dependent children under ORS 652.190.
  - (c) "Salary" does not include the following amounts:
  - (A) Travel or any other expenses incidental to employer's business which is reimbursed by the

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- (B) Payments made on account of an employee's death.
- 3 (C) Any lump sum payment for accumulated unused sick leave, vacation leave or other paid 4 leave.
  - (D) Any severance payment, accelerated payment of an employment contract for a future period or advance against future wages.
    - (E) Any retirement incentive, retirement bonus or retirement gratuitous payment.
  - (F) Payment for a leave of absence after the date the employer and employee have agreed that no future services in a qualifying position will be performed.
    - (G) Payments for instructional services rendered to institutions of the Department of Higher Education or the Oregon Health and Science University when those services are in excess of full-time employment subject to this chapter. A person employed under a contract for less than 12 months is subject to this subparagraph only for the months covered by the contract.
    - (H) The amount of an employee contribution to the individual account program that is paid by the employer and is not deducted from the compensation of the employee, as provided under ORS 238A.335 (1) and (2)(b).
    - (I) Any amount in excess of \$200,000 for a calendar year. If any period over which salary is determined is less than 12 months, the \$200,000 limitation for that period shall be multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of months in the determination period and the denominator of which is 12. The board shall adopt rules adjusting this dollar limit to incorporate cost-of-living adjustments authorized by the Internal Revenue Service.
      - (17) "System" means the Public Employees Retirement System.
      - SECTION 76. ORS 285A.486 is amended to read:
    - 285A.486. (1) Rural communities participating in the rural revitalization program established by ORS 285A.483 to 285A.495 shall be provided with technical assistance to:
      - (a) Assess their economic strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats;
      - (b) Develop short term and long term strategic plans based on the assessment;
    - (c) Assist the communities in developing organizational structures and other activities needed to implement and sustain their strategic plans; and
    - (d) Resolve problems that may arise in communities as they work to implement their strategic development plans.
    - (2) The program of leadership training carried on under ORS 285A.483 to 285A.495 shall develop the skills of individuals enrolled in the program by:
    - (a) Exposing program participants to a broad range of regional, national and international issues affecting rural areas.
  - (b) Teaching participants about effective management techniques, group problem solving methods and consensus building processes.
    - (c) Providing participants with training to improve their technical and analytical skills.
  - (d) Educating participants about the functions of local, state and national governments and the state legislative process.
    - (e) Teaching participants about the elements of effective leadership.
  - (f) Providing participants with opportunities to apply leadership skills to community development work.
  - (3) The Economic and Community Development Department shall ensure that the community development and leadership training efforts carried out under the rural revitalization program are

coordinated with existing state and local community development and leadership training programs 1 in a manner that contributes to the quality and effectiveness of the programs established by ORS 2 285A.483 to 285A.495, maximizes the use of available resources and expands development and 3 training opportunities for communities and rural residents. The department shall coordinate pro-4 grams under ORS 285A.483 to 285A.495 with other programs including, but not limited to, federal 5 programs, the regional investment program established under ORS 285B.230 to 285B.269, [the special 6 public works program established under ORS 285B.410 to 285B.482,] state workforce and job training 7 programs, programs offered by the Oregon State University Extension Service and leadership train-8 9 ing programs offered by local chambers of commerce.

### SECTION 77. ORS 285B.503 is amended to read:

285B.503. (1) There is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund, the Oregon Unified International Trade Fund. The moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Economic and Community Development Department for:

(a) Paying all or a portion of the costs of:

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- (A) A project for the extension and improvement of Jackson County Airport runway.
- (B) A project for the extension of a natural gas pipeline to the Coos Bay and North Bend area from a location near Roseburg.
- (C) A project for improvements to the Klamath Falls International Airport maintained by the City of Klamath Falls.
- (b) Transfer to the [Oregon Port Revolving Fund created by ORS 285A.708] Community Investment Fund created by section 26 of this 2007 Act.
- (2) A separate account within the Oregon Unified International Trade Fund shall be established for each project listed in subsection (1) of this section.
- (3) The Oregon Unified International Trade Fund shall consist of moneys allocated to the fund under section 9, chapter 644, Oregon Laws 1997, and such other moneys as may be appropriated to the fund by the Legislative Assembly, including interest on such moneys.

### SECTION 78. ORS 285B.530 is amended to read:

285B.530. As used in ORS 285B.530 to 285B.548, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (1) "Infrastructure lottery bonds" means the bonds authorized to be issued under ORS 285B.533 for the purpose of financing infrastructure projects.
  - (2) "Infrastructure projects" includes:
  - (a) A water project defined in [ORS 285B.560] section 25 of this 2007 Act; and
- (b) Payment of any state financial obligations to the federal government under the Safe Drinking Water Act.

### **SECTION 79.** ORS 285B.533 is amended to read:

285B.533. (1) Infrastructure lottery bonds shall be issued under ORS 286.560 to 286.580 and 348.716 only at the request of the Director of the Economic and Community Development Department. Infrastructure lottery bonds may be issued in an amount sufficient to provide no more than \$6 million of net proceeds to pay costs of infrastructure projects, plus the amounts required to pay bond-related costs.

- (2) The net proceeds from the sale of the infrastructure lottery bonds shall be allocated to the Economic and Community Development Department for the State of Oregon's match of federal moneys under the Safe Drinking Water Act.
- 43 (3) The net proceeds from the sale of the infrastructure lottery bonds that are available to pay 45 costs of infrastructure projects shall be credited to the [Water Fund created by ORS 285B.563]

- Community Investment Fund created by section 26 of this 2007 Act. All such net proceeds are appropriated continuously to the Economic and Community Development Department only for payment of costs of infrastructure projects described in subsection (2) of this section and for payment of bond-related costs that are allocable to infrastructure lottery bonds.
- (4) The Economic and Community Development Department and any municipality receiving proceeds of infrastructure lottery bonds shall, if so directed by the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, take any action specified by the Oregon Department of Administrative Services that is necessary to maintain the excludability of lottery bond interest from gross income under the United States Internal Revenue Code.

### **SECTION 80.** ORS 285B.551 is amended to read:

285B.551. (1) Pursuant to ORS 286.560 to 286.580, lottery bonds may be issued:

- (a) To provide financial and other assistance, including but not limited to loans and grants, to municipalities, ports and other persons and entities in accordance with the laws governing use of moneys in the [Special Public Works Fund created by ORS 285B.455, the Water Fund created by ORS 285B.563, the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund created by ORS 285A.213, the Oregon Port Revolving Fund created by ORS 285A.708, the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund created by ORS 285A.188] the Community Investment Fund created by section 26 of this 2007 Act, the Oregon Business Development Fund created by ORS 285B.092 and the Marine Navigation Improvement Fund created by ORS 777.267.
  - (b) To fund Oregon's share of the costs of the Columbia River channel deepening project.
- (c) To fund Oregon's share of the costs of studies and ecosystem restoration projects in the lower Columbia River estuary designed to improve habitat for listed endangered or threatened species of Columbia River anadromous salmonids.
  - (2) The use of lottery bond proceeds is authorized based on the following findings:
- (a) The financial and other assistance to municipalities, ports and other persons and entities will assist in the establishment and expansion of businesses in Oregon and in the construction, improvement and expansion of infrastructure, community and port facilities and other facilities that comprise the physical foundation for industrial and commercial activity and provide the basic framework for continued and expanded economic opportunities and quality communities throughout Oregon.
- (b) The Columbia River channel deepening project is necessary to allow newer, larger steamships access to Oregon and Washington deep draft ports. A deeper shipping channel will allow the Columbia River to continue as a world leader in agricultural exports and as a key trade corridor for farms and businesses throughout Oregon and the region.
- (c) Such financial and other assistance to municipalities, ports and other persons and entities and the deepening of the Columbia River channel will therefore promote economic development within this state, and thus the use of net proceeds derived from the operation of the Oregon State Lottery to pay debt service on lottery bonds issued under this section to provide such financial and other assistance to municipalities, ports and other persons and entities and to pay a portion of the costs of deepening the Columbia River channel is an authorized use of state lottery funds under section 4, Article XV of the Oregon Constitution, and ORS 461.510.
- (d) The current lower Columbia River estuary habitat for listed endangered or threatened species of Columbia River anadromous salmonids could be improved through ecosystem restoration projects. The use of the Oregon State Lottery to pay debt service on lottery bonds issued under this section to pay for studying how the estuary could be improved and to pay for ecosystem restoration

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(3) The aggregate principal amount of lottery bonds issued pursuant to subsection (1)(a) of this section for financial and other assistance to municipalities, ports and other persons and entities may not exceed the sum of \$227.27 million and an additional amount estimated by the State Treasurer to be necessary to pay bond-related costs. The aggregate principal amount of lottery bonds issued pursuant to subsection (1)(b) of this section for the Columbia River channel deepening project may not exceed the sum of \$17.7 million and an additional amount estimated by the State Treasurer to be necessary to pay bond-related costs. Lottery bonds issued pursuant to this section may be issued only at the request of the Director of the Economic and Community Development Department. The director may not request the issuance of lottery bonds pursuant to subsection (1)(b) of this section until a final environmental impact statement has been issued and a record of decisions has been submitted to Congress by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Congress has authorized the Columbia River channel deepening project, and the Washington sponsors' shares of the costs of the Columbia River channel deepening project have been committed.

(4) The net proceeds of lottery bonds issued pursuant to subsection (1)(a) and (b) of this section shall be deposited in the Economic Infrastructure Project Fund, which is hereby established in the State Treasury separate and distinct from the General Fund. All moneys in the Economic Infrastructure Project Fund are continuously appropriated to the Economic and Community Development Department for any purpose for which moneys in the [Special Public Works Fund created by ORS 285B.455 may be used, any purpose for which moneys in the Water Fund created by ORS 285B.563 may be used, any purpose for which moneys in the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund created by ORS 285A.213 may be used, any purpose for which moneys in the Oregon Port Revolving Fund created by ORS 285A.708 may be used, any purpose for which moneys in the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund created by ORS 285A.188 may be used Community Investment Fund created by section 26 of this 2007 Act, any purpose for which moneys in the Oregon Business Development Fund created by ORS 285B.092 may be used and any purpose for which moneys in the Marine Navigation Improvement Fund created by ORS 777.267 may be used. The Director of the Economic and Community Development Department shall allocate the moneys deposited in the Economic Infrastructure Project Fund for the purposes described in this subsection in accordance with the policies developed by the Oregon Economic and Community Development Commission in accordance with ORS [285A.045] **285A.020**. However, the director shall transfer from the Economic Infrastructure Project Fund and deposit into the Channel Deepening Account of the Marine Navigation Improvement Fund the proceeds of any lottery bonds sold to finance a portion of the costs of the Columbia River channel deepening project. Upon determining the relative allocation of moneys deposited in the Economic Infrastructure Project Fund among the purposes described in this subsection, the director shall transfer from the Economic Infrastructure Project Fund, and deposit into each of the other funds described in this subsection, the amounts so allocated. Notwithstanding any other provision of law governing the funds described in this subsection, the funds described in this subsection may be credited with moneys transferred from the Economic Infrastructure Project Fund by the director in accordance with this subsection.

(5) The aggregate principal amount of lottery bonds issued pursuant to subsection (1)(c) of this section for the costs of studies and ecosystem restoration projects in the lower Columbia River estuary may not exceed the sum of \$750,000 and an additional amount estimated by the State Treasurer to be necessary to pay bond-related costs. The net proceeds of lottery bonds issued pursuant to subsection (1)(c) of this section shall be deposited in the Oregon Community Development

- Fund created by ORS 285A.227 and may be used only for the Oregon nonfederal share of United States Army Corps of Engineers Columbia River estuary projects authorized by Congress prior to August 9, 2001. The director may not request the issuance of lottery bonds pursuant to subsection (1)(c) of this section until Congress and Washington have authorized their respective shares of the costs of the studies and ecosystem restoration projects in the lower Columbia River estuary.
  - (6) The proceeds of lottery bonds issued pursuant to this section may be used only for the purposes set forth in this section and for bond-related costs.

## SECTION 81. ORS 285B.740 is amended to read:

285B.740. It is the intent of the Legislative Assembly that in the administration of ORS 285B.740 to 285B.758, the Economic and Community Development Department work closely with regional economic development organizations, community development corporations, small business development centers and organizations that promote and assist small businesses owned and operated by women and minorities[, as defined by ORS 285B.050 (9)]. The Economic and Community Development Department, to the maximum extent feasible and consistent with prudent financial controls, may delegate the administration and operation of the loan program created by ORS 285B.740 to 285B.758 to local and community-based entities. To carry out the policy described in this section:

- (1) The Economic and Community Development Department may contract with any nonprofit corporation or agency with experience and expertise in business finance to administer all or any part of the loan program created by ORS 285B.740 to 285B.758.
- (2) When entering into an agreement for the administration of the loan program by any nonprofit corporation or agency, the Economic and Community Development Department may agree to waive any claims it may have against such corporation or agency for losses arising out of the normal course of business, so long as the corporation or agency does not act negligently or fraudulently in providing loans under ORS 285B.740 to 285B.758.
- (3) When entering into an agreement to have a nonprofit corporation or agency administer the loan program created by ORS 285B.740 to 285B.758, the Economic and Community Development Department may pay loan origination and loan servicing fees to the corporation or agency. The amount of such fees may be determined in the agreement between the department and the administering corporation or agency.

## SECTION 82. ORS 286.560 is amended to read:

286.560. As used in ORS 286.560 to 286.580, 327.700 to 327.711 and 348.716, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (1) "Appropriated funds" for a particular fiscal year means any moneys, other than unobligated net lottery proceeds, that are specifically appropriated or otherwise specifically made available by the Legislative Assembly or the Emergency Board for a fiscal year to replenish reserves established as additional security for lottery bonds pursuant to the authority granted in ORS 286.580 (6).
  - (2) "Bond-related costs" means:
- (a) The costs and expenses of issuing, administering and maintaining lottery bonds and the lottery bond program, including but not limited to paying or redeeming lottery bonds, paying amounts due in connection with credit enhancements or any instruments authorized by ORS 286.580 (6) and paying the administrative costs and expenses of the State Treasurer and the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, including costs of consultants or advisors retained by the State Treasurer or the Oregon Department of Administrative Services for the lottery bonds or the lottery bond program;

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(b) The costs of funding any lottery bond reserves;

- 1 (c) Capitalized interest for lottery bonds;
  - (d) Rebates or penalties due to the United States in connection with lottery bonds; and
- 3 (e) Any other costs or expenses that the State Treasurer or the Director of the Oregon De-4 partment of Administrative Services determines are necessary or desirable in connection with issu-5 ing lottery bonds or maintaining the lottery bond program.
  - (3) "Lottery bonds" means:

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- 7 (a) The state park lottery bonds authorized by ORS 390.060 to 390.067, the infrastructure lottery 8 bonds authorized by ORS 285B.530 to 285B.548 and the education lottery bonds authorized by ORS 327.700 to 327.711;
  - (b) Any other bonds payable from the revenues of the Oregon State Lottery unless the legislation authorizing those bonds expressly provides that those bonds shall not be issued under ORS 286.560 to 286.580 and 348.716; and
    - (c) Any refunding lottery bonds.
    - (4) "Lottery Bond Administrative Fund" means the fund created by ORS 286.573.
    - (5) "Lottery Bond Fund" means the fund created by ORS 286.570.
      - (6) "Lottery bond program" means a financing program authorized by:
  - (a) ORS 285B.530 to 285B.548, 327.700 to 327.711 or 390.060 to 390.067; or
    - (b) Any other Act of the Legislative Assembly authorizing the issuance of bonds that are payable from the revenues of the Oregon State Lottery, unless the legislation authorizing those bonds expressly provides that those bonds shall not be issued under ORS 286.560 to 286.580 and 348.716.
    - (7) "Refunding lottery bonds" means any bonds issued for the purpose of refunding any lottery bonds.
    - (8) "Unobligated net lottery proceeds" means all revenues derived from the operation of the Oregon State Lottery except for:
    - (a) The revenues used for the payment of prizes and expenses of the Oregon State Lottery as provided in section 4 (4)(d), Article XV of the Oregon Constitution, and ORS 461.500 and 461.510;
      - (b) The revenues required to be applied, distributed or allocated as provided in ORS 461.543; and
    - (c) The revenues required to be allocated to pay the Westside lottery bonds and any bonds issued to refund the Westside lottery bonds, to fund reserves for any of those bonds and to pay related costs of the Department of Transportation.
    - (9) "Westside lottery bonds" means the bonds issued by this state under the authority granted in ORS 391.140 that, notwithstanding ORS 267.334, [285B.419, 285B.422, 285B.482,] 285B.530 to 285B.548, 286.560 to 286.580, 327.700 to 327.711, 348.716 and 390.060 to 390.067, shall have a claim on lottery funds that is superior to the claim of the lottery bonds authorized by ORS 286.560 to 286.580 and 348.716.

## SECTION 83. ORS 286.585 is amended to read:

- 286.585. (1) Pursuant to ORS 286.560 to 286.580 and 348.716 and subject to future legislative approval, lottery bonds may be issued to make grants or loans to Oregon cities to fund projects for the reconstruction, renovation or development of community sports facilities in order to make the facilities suitable for use by a major league baseball team if a city is selected as an expansion site by major league baseball or if a major league baseball team agrees to relocate to a city.
  - (2) The use of lottery bond proceeds is authorized based on the following findings:
- (a) The financial assistance to cities will assist in the construction, improvement and expansion of infrastructure and community facilities that comprise the physical foundation for commercial activity and provide the basic framework for continued and expanded economic opportunities and

quality communities throughout Oregon.

- (b) Such financial assistance to cities will therefore promote economic development within this state, and thus the use of net proceeds derived from the operation of the Oregon State Lottery to pay debt service on lottery bonds issued under this section to provide such financial assistance to cities is an appropriate use of state lottery funds under section 4, Article XV of the Oregon Constitution, and ORS 461.510.
- (3) Lottery bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be issued only at the request of the Director of the Economic and Community Development Department.
- (4) The net proceeds of lottery bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the Economic Infrastructure Project Fund established by ORS 285B.551. The Director of the Economic and Community Development Department shall allocate the moneys deposited in the Economic Infrastructure Project Fund for the purpose described in this section in accordance with the policies developed by the Oregon Economic and Community Development Commission in accordance with [ORS 285A.045] ORS 285A.020.
- (5) The proceeds of lottery bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be used only for the purposes set forth in this section and for bond-related costs.

## SECTION 84. ORS 320.335 is amended to read:

320.335. All moneys received by the Department of Revenue pursuant to ORS 320.305 to 320.340, and interest thereon, shall be paid to the State Treasurer to be held in a suspense account established under ORS 293.445. After the payment of refunds:

- (1) Moneys necessary to reimburse the Department of Revenue for the actual costs incurred by the department in administering the state transient lodging tax, not to exceed two percent of state transient lodging tax collections, are continuously appropriated to the department; and
- (2) The balance of the moneys received shall be transferred to the account of the [Oregon Tourism Commission established under ORS 285A.274] Community Investment Fund. The moneys transferred under this subsection are continuously appropriated to the [Oregon Tourism Commission for the purposes set forth in ORS 285A.274] Community Investment Fund.

### **SECTION 85.** ORS 390.063 is amended to read:

390.063. The Legislative Assembly declares that the purpose of ORS 390.060 to 390.067 is to authorize lottery bonds for state park projects. The lottery bonds authorized by ORS 390.060 to 390.067 shall be issued pursuant to ORS 286.560 to 286.580 and 348.716. The obligation of the State of Oregon with respect to the bonds and with respect to any grant agreement or other commitment authorized by ORS 267.334, [285B.410, 285B.422, 285B.482,] 285B.530 to 285B.548 and 390.060 to 390.067 shall at all times be restricted to the availability of unobligated net lottery proceeds, proceeds of lottery bonds and any other amounts specifically committed by ORS 286.560 to 286.580 and 348.716. Neither the faith and credit of the State of Oregon nor any of its taxing power shall be pledged or committed to the payment of lottery bonds or any other commitment of the State of Oregon authorized by ORS 390.060 to 390.067.

## SECTION 86. ORS 431.120 is amended to read:

- 431.120. The Department of Human Services shall:
- (1) Enforce state health policies and rules.
- (2) Have the custody of all books, papers, documents and other property belonging to the State Health Commission, which may be deposited in the department's office.
- (3) Give any instructions that may be necessary, and forward them to the various local public health administrators throughout the state.

- (4) Routinely conduct epidemiological investigations for each case of sudden infant death syndrome including, but not limited to, the identification of risk factors such as birth weight, maternal age, prenatal care, history of apnea and socioeconomic characteristics. The department may conduct the investigations through local health departments only upon adoption by rule of a uniform epidemiological data collection method.
- (5) Adopt rules related to loans and grants awarded under ORS [285B.560 to 285B.599 or] 541.700 to 541.855 or sections 25 to 35 of this 2007 Act for the improvement of drinking water systems for the purpose of maintaining compliance with applicable state and federal drinking water quality standards. In adopting rules under this subsection, the Department of Human Services shall coordinate the department's rulemaking process with the Water Resources Department and the Economic and Community Development Department in order to ensure that rules adopted under this subsection are consistent with rules adopted under ORS [285B.563 and] 541.845 and section 29 of this 2007 Act.
- (6) Control health care capital expenditures by administering the state certificate of need program pursuant to ORS 442.325 to 442.344.

**SECTION 87.** ORS 541.700 is amended to read:

541.700. As used in ORS 541.700 to 541.855, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (1) "Commission" means the Water Resources Commission appointed under ORS 536.022.
- (2) "Construction" means the construction, or improvement or rehabilitation, in whole or in part, of a water development project, including planning and engineering work, purchasing or refinancing directly related to such construction or improvement or rehabilitation, or any combination of such construction or improvement or rehabilitation. As used in this subsection:
- (a) "Purchasing" means the purchasing of materials, land or existing facilities necessary to complete a water development project.
- (b) "Refinancing" includes refinancing existing debt of a water developer, as defined in subsection (7)(f) to (m) and (o) of this section, in order to complete a water development project or to provide adequate security for a water development loan, but does not include refinancing existing debt only to reduce interest rates or costs to the borrower or to pay off existing debt.
  - (3) "Director" means the Water Resources Director appointed pursuant to ORS 536.032.
- (4) "Federal water development project" means any water development project that receives funding from the federal government, or any agency or instrumentality of the United States.
  - (5)(a) "Secondary use" means:
  - (A) Any water-related recreational use.
  - (B) Any flood control use.
  - (C) Any power generation use.
- (D) Any water supply system utilized as a domestic water system for the benefit of an individual residence related to the operation of the water development project.
- (b) "Secondary use" does not include any use that is incompatible with a water development project.
  - (6) "Water development project" means:
- (a) An undertaking, in whole or in part, in this state for the purpose of irrigation, including structures for the application of water for agricultural harvest activities, dams, storage reservoirs, wells or well systems, pumping plants, pipelines, canals, ditches, revetments, water supply systems used for the purpose of agricultural temperature control and any other structure, facility and property necessary or convenient for supplying lands with water for irrigation purposes.

- (b) An undertaking, in whole or in part, in this state for the purpose of drainage, including ditching, tiling, piping, channel improvement, pumping plants or other agronomically approved methods of land drainage that will increase soil versatility and productivity.
- (c) An undertaking, in whole or in part, in this state for the purpose of providing water for municipal use, which may include safe drinking water for communities with population less than 30,000, including dams, storage reservoirs, wells or well systems, pumping plants, treatment facilities, pipelines, canals, ditches, revetments and all other structures and facilities necessary or convenient for supplying water. An undertaking may provide water to two or more communities with a combined population of more than 30,000. An undertaking may be part of a project that provides water to a community with a population of more than 30,000[, but loans of moneys from the Water Development Fund, including moneys in ORS 285B.563 (11) may be made only to communities served by the project that have a population of less than 30,000].
- (d) An undertaking, in whole or in part, in this state for the purpose of fish protection, including fish screening or by-pass devices, fishways and all other structures and facilities necessary or convenient for providing fish protection.
- (e) An undertaking, in whole or in part, in this state for the purpose of enhancing watershed health or improving fish habitat, including methods and materials to restore, maintain and enhance the biological, chemical and physical integrity of the riparian zones and associated uplands of the state's rivers, lakes and estuaries systems and recommended by the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board established under ORS 541.360.
- (f) Secondary uses in conjunction with projects described in paragraphs (a) to (e) of this subsection.
  - (7) "Water developer" means:

- (a) Any individual resident of this state;
- (b) Any partnership for profit subject to the provisions of ORS chapter 67 or 70, whose principal income is from farming in Oregon;
- (c) Any corporation for profit subject to the provisions of ORS chapter 60, whose principal income is from farming in Oregon;
- (d) Any nonprofit corporation subject to the provisions of ORS chapter 65, whose principal income is from farming in Oregon;
- (e) Any cooperative subject to the provisions of ORS chapter 62, whose principal income is from farming in Oregon;
  - (f) Any irrigation district organized under or subject to ORS chapter 545;
  - (g) Any water improvement district organized under ORS chapter 552;
    - (h) Any water control district organized under ORS chapter 553;
    - (i) Any irrigation or drainage corporation organized under or subject to ORS chapter 554;
- (j) Any drainage district organized under ORS chapter 547 or subject to all or part of ORS chapter 545;
- (k) Any corporation, cooperative, company or other association formed prior to 1917 for the purpose of distributing water for irrigation purposes;
  - (L) Any port district organized under ORS 777.005 to 777.725, 777.915 to 777.953 and 777.990;
  - (m) Any city or county;
- 43 (n) Any organization formed for the purpose of distributing water for community water supply; 44 or
  - (o) Any local soil and water conservation district organized under ORS 568.210 to 568.808 and

568.900 to 568.933.

**SECTION 88.** ORS 541.755 is amended to read:

541.755. Except as provided in ORS 541.760:

- (1) If any water development project investigated under ORS 541.700 to 541.855, other than a safe drinking water project financed in whole or in part from moneys in the [Special Public Works Fund created by ORS 285B.455 or the Water Fund created by ORS 285B.563] Community Investment Fund created by section 26 of this 2007 Act, is constructed with funds other than those loaned under ORS 541.700 to 541.855, the amount expended by the state shall immediately become due and payable, together with interest at the rate provided in ORS 541.730 (2) from the date of notification of the amount due.
- (2) If any water development project is refinanced or financial assistance is obtained from other sources, other than a safe drinking water project financed in whole or in part from moneys in the [Special Public Works Fund created by ORS 285B.455 or the Water Fund created by ORS 285B.563] Community Investment Fund created by section 26 of this 2007 Act, after the execution of the loan from the state, all such funds shall be first used to repay the state.

SECTION 89. ORS 541.845 is amended to read:

- 541.845. (1) In accordance with the applicable provisions of ORS chapter 183, the Water Resources Commission may adopt rules necessary to carry out ORS 541.700 to 541.855.
- (2) In adopting rules establishing guidelines or criteria for awarding loans or grants for drinking water projects, the commission shall coordinate the Water Resources Department's rulemaking process with the Economic and Community Development Department and the Department of Human Services in order to ensure that rules adopted under this subsection are consistent with rules adopted under ORS [285B.563 and] 431.120 and section 29 of this 2007 Act. The rules adopted under this subsection shall:
- (a) Require the installation of meters on all new active service connections from any municipal drinking water distribution lines funded under ORS [285B.560 to 285B.599,] 431.120, 541.700, 541.705, 541.765, 541.765, 541.830 and 541.845 and sections 25 to 35 of this 2007 Act; and
- (b) Require a plan, to be adopted by the municipality, for installation of meters on all service connections throughout the drinking water system.
- (3) As used in this section, "service connection" does not include fire hydrants, fire sprinkler system connections, line blow-offs and drains, standby emergency interties, valve controlled drinking fountains and other similar intermittently used connections.

SECTION 90. ORS 657.665 is amended to read:

- 657.665. (1) Information secured from employing units, employees or other individuals pursuant to this chapter:
- (a) Shall be confidential and for the exclusive use and information of the Director of the Employment Department in the discharge of duties and shall not be open to the public (other than to public employees in the performance of their public duties under state or federal laws for the payment of unemployment insurance benefits and to public employees in the performance of their public duties under the recognized compensation and retirement, relief or welfare laws of this state), except to the extent necessary for the presentation of a claim and except as required by the regulations of the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services pursuant to section 3304(a) of the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, as amended, and except as required by section 303 of the Social Security Act, as amended.
  - (b) Shall not be used in any court in any action or proceeding pending therein unless the di-

rector or the state is a party to such action or proceedings or the proceedings concern the establishment, enforcement or modification of a support obligation and support services are being provided by the Division of Child Support or the district attorney pursuant to ORS 25.080.

- (2) However, any claimant or legal representative, at a hearing before an administrative law judge, shall be supplied with information from such records to the extent necessary for the proper presentation of a claim.
- (3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, information secured from employing units pursuant to this chapter may be released:
- (a) To agencies of this state, federal agencies and local government agencies to the extent necessary to properly carry out governmental planning, performance measurement, program analysis, socioeconomic analysis and policy analysis functions performed under applicable law. Information provided such agencies shall be confidential and shall not be released by such agencies in any manner that would be identifiable as to individuals, claimants, employees or employing units. Costs of furnishing information pursuant to this subsection not prepared for the use of the Employment Department shall be borne by the parties requesting the information; and
  - (b) In accordance with ORS 657.673.

- (4) Nothing in this section shall prevent the Employment Department from providing names and addresses of employing units to the Bureau of Labor and Industries for the purpose of disseminating information to employing units. The names and addresses provided shall be confidential and shall not be used for any other purposes. Costs of furnishing information pursuant to this subsection not prepared for the use of the Employment Department shall be borne by the bureau.
- (5) Nothing in this section shall prevent the Employment Department from providing to the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, for the purpose of performing duties under ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870, the names, addresses and industrial codes of employer units, the number of employees each unit employs during a given time period and the firm number assigned to employer units by the Employment Department. Information so provided shall be confidential and shall not be released by the commissioner in any manner that would identify such employing units except to the extent necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection and as provided in subsection (1)(b) of this section. Costs of furnishing information pursuant to this subsection not prepared for the use of the Employment Department shall be borne by the bureau.
- (6) Nothing in this section shall prevent the Employment Department from providing information required under ORS 657.660 (3) and (4) to the Public Employees Retirement System for the purpose of determining the eligibility of members of the retirement system for disability retirement allowances under ORS chapter 238. The information provided shall be confidential and shall not be used for any other purposes. Costs of furnishing information pursuant to this subsection shall be borne by the Public Employees Retirement System.
- (7) Nothing in this section shall prevent the Employment Department from providing to the Oregon Economic and Community Development Commission information required by the commission in performing its duty under ORS 285A.050 to verify changes in employment levels following direct employer participation in Economic and Community Development Department programs or indirect participation through municipalities under [ORS 285B.410 to 285B.482] sections 25 to 35 of this 2007 Act and regional boards and partnerships under ORS 285B.230 to 285B.269. Information provided to the commission may include an employer's employment level, total subject wages payroll and whole hours worked. The information may not be used for any other purpose and must be held confidential. The commission may not release the information in any manner that would identify the

employing unit or any employee except to the extent necessary to carry out its duties under ORS 285A.050. Costs of furnishing information under this subsection that is not prepared for the use of the Employment Department shall be borne by the commission.

- (8) Any officer or employee of the Director of the Employment Department, who, except with authority of the director or pursuant to regulations, or as otherwise required by law, shall disclose confidential information under this section, thereafter may be disqualified from holding any appointment or employment by the director.
- (9) Nothing in this section shall prevent the Employment Department from providing information to the Department of Revenue for the purpose of performing its duties under ORS 293.250, or the revenue and tax laws of this state. Information provided may include names and addresses of employers and employees and payroll data of employers and employees. Information so provided shall be confidential and shall not be released by the Director of the Department of Revenue in any manner that would identify such employing unit or employee except to the extent necessary to carry out its duties under ORS 293.250 or in auditing or reviewing any report or return required or permitted to be filed under the revenue and tax laws administered by the department. However, the Director of the Department of Revenue shall not disclose any information received to any private collection agency or for any other purpose. Costs of furnishing information pursuant to this subsection not prepared for the use of the Employment Department shall be borne by the Department of Revenue.
- (10) Nothing in this section shall prevent the Employment Department from providing information to the Department of Consumer and Business Services for the purpose of performing its duties under ORS chapters 654 and 656. Information provided may include but is not limited to the name, address, number of employees and industrial classification code of an employer and payroll data of employers and employees. Information provided shall be confidential and may not be released by the Department of Consumer and Business Services in any manner that would identify an employing unit or employee except to the extent necessary to carry out the department's duties under ORS chapters 654 and 656, including administrative hearings and court proceedings in which the Department of Consumer and Business Services is a party. Costs of furnishing information pursuant to this subsection that is not prepared for the use of the Employment Department shall be borne by the Department of Consumer and Business Services.
- (11) Nothing in this section shall prevent the Employment Department from providing information to the Construction Contractors Board for the purpose of performing its duties under ORS chapter 701. Information provided to the board may include names and addresses of employers and status of their compliance with this chapter.
- (12) Nothing in this section shall prevent the Employment Department from providing information to the State Fire Marshal to assist the State Fire Marshal in carrying out duties, functions and powers under ORS 453.307 to 453.414. Information so provided shall be the employer or agent name, address, telephone number and standard industrial classification. Information so provided shall be confidential and shall not be released by the State Fire Marshal in any manner that would identify such employing units except to the extent necessary to carry out duties under ORS 453.307 to 453.414. Costs of furnishing information pursuant to this subsection not prepared for the use of the Employment Department shall be borne by the office of the State Fire Marshal.
- (13) Nothing in this section shall prevent the Employment Department from providing information to the Oregon Student Assistance Commission for the purposes of performing the commission's duties under ORS chapter 348 and Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. In-

- formation provided may include names and addresses of employers and employees and payroll data of employers and employees. Information so provided shall be confidential and shall not be released by the Oregon Student Assistance Commission in any manner that would identify such employing unit or employee except to the extent necessary to carry out duties under ORS chapter 348 or Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. Costs of furnishing information pursuant to this subsection not prepared for the use of the Employment Department shall be borne by the Oregon Student Assistance Commission.
  - (14) Any person or officer or employee of an entity to whom information is disclosed or given by the Employment Department pursuant to this section, who divulges or uses such information for any purpose other than that specified in the provision of law or agreement authorizing the use or disclosure, may be disqualified from holding any appointment or employment, or performing any service under contract, with the state agency employing that person or officer.
  - (15) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, the industrial classification code assigned to an employing unit may be released to state agencies, federal agencies and local government agencies to the extent necessary to carry out governmental functions performed under applicable law. Except as provided in ORS 190.270, information provided to such agencies is confidential and may not be released by the agencies in any manner that would allow identification of an employing unit. Costs of furnishing information that is not prepared for the use of the Employment Department shall be paid by the party requesting the information under this subsection.

## SECTION 91. ORS 777.760 is amended to read:

777.760. As used in ORS 777.755 to 777.800, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (1) "Board" means the board of directors of an export trading corporation.
- (2) "Commissioner" means a member of the board of commissioners of a port.
- (3) "Commissioners of the port" means the board of commissioners of the port which formed the export trading corporation.
- (4) "Export trading corporation" means a municipal corporation formed by a port under ORS 294.125, 294.316, 646.740 and 777.755 to 777.800.
- (5) "Export trading project" means a transaction or arrangement for the purchase, sale, exchange or delivery of goods or services in international trade or commerce.
- (6) "Port" means a municipal corporation formed under ORS [285A.666 to 285A.732,] 777.005 to 777.725, 777.915 to 777.953 and 777.990 or ORS chapter 778.
- (7) "Services" includes, but is not limited to, architectural, automatic data processing, business, communications, consulting, engineering, financial, insurance, legal, management, product research and design, repair, training and transportation services.

### **SECTION 92.** ORS 777.953 is amended to read:

- 777.953. (1) The board, on its own motion, may initiate a proposal for annexation to the port of territory that is not within another port organized under [ORS 285A.600 to 285A.708 and] this chapter. Such territory may be either wholly or partially within or outside the same county in which the port is located. However, if the territory proposed to be annexed is outside Coos County, then the territory must be situated entirely within the watershed of the Coos River and its tributaries. The proposal for annexation shall be made in a resolution adopted by the board.
- (2) After adoption of a resolution proposing annexation of the territory described in subsection (1) of this section to the port, the board shall fix a day for a public hearing before the board at which time the electors of the port and of the affected territory may appear and be heard on the question of annexation.

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- (3) The board shall cause notice of the hearing to be published once each week for two successive weeks prior to the day of the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the county and shall cause notices of the hearing to be posted in four public places in the port for the same period.
- (4) After the public hearing, the board shall file the resolution proposing annexation with the governing body of the county in which the territory proposed to be annexed is situated. The county governing body shall order an election to be held in the territory. The county governing body shall also order the board to hold an election within the boundaries of the port on the same day, both elections to be held for the purpose of submitting the proposed annexation to the electors. The board shall certify the results of the election to the county governing body. The order of annexation shall be entered by the county governing body when a majority of all the votes cast in the territory and the port are in favor of the annexation.
- (5) After the date of entry of an order by the county governing body annexing territory to the port, the territory annexed shall become subject to the outstanding indebtedness, bonded or otherwise, of the port in like manner as the territory within the port.
- (6) ORS 198.705 to 198.955 and 777.326 do not apply to an annexation proceeding conducted under this section.

## **SECTION 93.** ORS 778.008 is amended to read:

- 778.008. (1) ORS 777.005 to 777.050, 777.110, 777.120, 777.132 to 777.165, 777.210, 777.220 and 777.405 to 777.435 do not apply to the Port of Portland.
- (2) Subject to subsection (1) of this section, the Port of Portland has all powers possessed by ports formed under ORS [285A.666 to 285A.732,] 777.005 to 777.725, 777.915 to 777.953 and 777.990.
- (3) ORS 777.530 and 777.535 apply to the Port of Portland and the Port of Portland has all powers granted to other ports under ORS 777.530 and 777.535.
- (4) The Port of Portland shall do such things, perform such duties and exercise such powers as it may be authorized or empowered to do, perform or exercise by any Act of the legislature passed for that purpose, though not directly in amendment of this chapter. The powers granted by this chapter are in addition to other powers granted by law to the port.
- (5) In addition to such other duties, functions and powers as may be imposed upon the Port of Portland, the port may make recommendations to the Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots.

# SECTION 94. ORS 184.632 is amended to read:

184.632. (1) The Legislative Assembly finds that:

- (a) The ports in Oregon provide effective local assistance to state transportation development efforts.
- (b) The ports in this state develop and market facilities and services to support important existing industries in this state, such as aviation, maritime commerce, international trade, tourism, recreation and transportation.
- (c) Port facilities, including roads, railroads, airports, harbors and navigation channels, are an integral element of the transportation infrastructure of this state.
- (2) Therefore, the Legislative Assembly declares that it is the policy of this state to include Oregon's ports in planning and implementing transportation programs. To that end, the Department of Transportation and the Oregon Department of Aviation may work to:
- (a) Coordinate with the Economic and Community Development Department [and the Ports Division] to facilitate port planning and development;
  - (b) Promote local cooperation in statewide planning and development of the ports;
- (c) Promote long-term economic self-sufficiency of the ports;

- (d) Encourage cost-effective investments with prudent financial consideration of port development projects; and
- (e) Facilitate the efforts of the ports to expand and respond to greater domestic and international market opportunities.

### **SECTION 95.** ORS 276.285 is amended to read:

276.285. (1) It is the policy of the State of Oregon, in keeping with the benchmark relating to public infrastructure and development if a benchmark relating to public infrastructure and development is adopted by the [Oregon Progress Board] Economic and Community Development Department under ORS 285A.075, to facilitate and encourage state agencies that own real property and operate facilities to manage and develop these properties in an effective and businesslike manner. The maintenance, preservation and development of state-owned real property and facilities, including, but not limited to, educational institutions, hospitals, parks, roads, libraries and fish hatcheries is essential to enable the State of Oregon to meet the needs of its citizens now and in the future. The purpose of chapter 452, Oregon Laws 1995, is to maintain and protect the investment of the State of Oregon in its public infrastructure.

- (2) Any state agency that owns and operates real property or facilities is authorized to establish a separate dedicated account in the State Treasury for the purpose of paying the expenses of constructing, operating, maintaining, repairing, replacing, equipping, improving, acquiring and disposing of such real property and facilities. All moneys in an account established pursuant to this subsection are appropriated continuously to the agency for the purposes described in this subsection. All interest earned on moneys in the account shall be retained in and credited to the account.
- (3) Any state agency that owns or operates real property or facilities may establish a rental program for the purpose of recovering and paying for the costs, including debt service, of constructing, operating, maintaining, repairing, replacing, equipping, improving and disposing of real property and facilities consistent with the statutory authority of the state agency. All revenues from such rental programs shall be deposited in the account established pursuant to subsection (2) of this section.
- (4) Whenever a state agency that owns and operates real property and facilities, and that has an established account under subsection (2) of this section sells or leases real property, the proceeds from the sale or lease shall be credited to the account established pursuant to subsection (2) of this section, unless disposition of the proceeds is otherwise provided by law.
- (5) If a state agency that owns and operates real property and facilities has other statutory authority to provide funding for real property and facility operation and management, the agency may use that authority in lieu of or in addition to the provisions of this section.
- (6) When a state agency establishes an account pursuant to subsection (2) of this section, the agency shall provide a report of the revenues to and expenditures from the account as part of its budget submission to the Governor and the Legislative Assembly under ORS chapter 291. The establishment by state agencies of rental rates for real property or facilities pursuant to this section shall be on a biennial basis as part of the budget development process, but modification of the rates may be made during the interim between legislative sessions after a report to the Emergency Board of the proposed rate modification.

### **SECTION 96.** ORS 284.540 is amended to read:

- 284.540. (1) There is established the Governor's Council on Oregon's Economy.
- (2) The members of the council are:
  - (a) The presiding officer of the Oregon Economic and Community Development Commission;

- 1 (b) The chairperson of the Oregon Transportation Commission;
- 2 (c) The chairperson of the State Board of Agriculture;
- 3 [(d) The chairperson of the International Trade Commission;]
- 4 [(e)] (d) The president of the State Board of Higher Education; and
- [(f)] (e) Other persons designated by the Governor.
  - (3) The council shall meet quarterly to:

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- (a) Discuss and coordinate the activities of each entity described in subsection (2) of this section that relate to economic development and improving the economy in Oregon; and
  - (b) Discuss and recommend to the Legislative Assembly methods for creating certainty for the development process.

## **SECTION 97.** ORS 284.706 is amended to read:

- 284.706. (1) There is created the Oregon Innovation Council consisting of the following voting members:
- 14 (a) The Governor or the Governor's designated representative, who shall be chairperson of the council.
  - (b) Five members appointed by the Governor who are engaged in the operations of Oregon traded sector industries.
  - (c) One member appointed by the Governor who is a representative of an Oregon-based, generally accredited, not-for-profit private institution of higher education.
  - (d) A member of the Oregon Growth Account Board, appointed by the board, who has experience in the field of venture capital.
- 22 (e) A member of the Engineering and Technology Industry Council, appointed by the Engineer-23 ing and Technology Industry Council.
  - (f) The Director of the Economic and Community Development Department.
  - (g) The Chancellor of the Oregon University System.
- 26 (h) The Commissioner for Community College Services.
- 27 (i) The State Treasurer.
- 28 (2)(a) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members to the council 29 who are members of the House of Representatives.
  - (b) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members to the council who are members of the Senate.
- 32 (c) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the council are nonvoting members and 33 may act in an advisory capacity only.
  - (3) The following persons, or their representatives, shall serve as ex officio, nonvoting members of the council:
    - (a) The chairperson of the Oregon Economic and Community Development Commission.
    - [(b) The chairperson of the International Trade Commission.]
- [(c)] (b) The president of the State Board of Higher Education.
- [(d)] (c) The chairperson of the State Board of Education.
- 40 [(e)] (d) An executive officer of an association representing Oregon-based, generally accredited, 41 not-for-profit private institutions of higher education, appointed by the Governor.
  - (4) The term of office of each appointed voting member of the council is three years, but an appointed member serves at the pleasure of the appointing authority. Before the expiration of the term of an appointed voting member, the appointing authority shall appoint a successor whose term begins on July 1 next following. An appointed member is eligible for reappointment. If there is a

- vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to become immediately effective for the remainder of the unexpired term.
- (5) A majority of the voting members of the council constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.
- (6) Official action by the council requires the approval of a majority of the voting members of the council.
- (7) The council shall meet at least twice per fiscal year at a place, day and time determined by the chairperson. The council may also meet at other times and places specified by a call of the chairperson or by written request of a majority of the voting members of the council.
  - (8) The council may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the council.
- (9) The council may establish committees and delegate to the committees duties as the council considers desirable.
- (10) The Economic and Community Development Department shall provide staff support to the council.
- (11) Members of the council who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are entitled to compensation and expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for compensation and expenses of members of the council who are public officers shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the public agency that employs the member. Claims for compensation and expenses of members of the council who are not public officers shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Economic and Community Development Department for that purpose.
- (12) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the council in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the council consider necessary to perform their duties.

## SECTION 98. ORS 285A.095 is amended to read:

- 285A.095. (1) When providing funding for a project, for a program or for technical assistance, the Economic and Community Development Department shall give priority to counties, cities, communities or other geographic areas that are designated as distressed areas by the Economic and Community Development Department, based on indicators of economic distress or dislocation, including but not limited to unemployment, poverty and job loss.
- (2) Prior to defining or designating distressed areas for the purposes of subsection (1) of this section, the Economic and Community Development Department shall consult with other state agencies and with local agencies and officials.
- (3) The Economic and Community Development Department shall conduct a review of its compliance with subsections (1) and (2) of this section at least once in each year and shall prepare a report concerning the compliance review. The report shall be incorporated into the [annual] biennial report of the Oregon Economic and Community Development Commission required by ORS 285A.050.

## SECTION 99. ORS 285A.190 is amended to read:

- 285A.190. (1) There is established in the Economic and Community Development Department the Oregon Coalition Brownfields Cleanup Program.
- (2) The department may make grants, loans and expenditures from the Oregon Coalition Brownfields Cleanup Fund to provide financial or other assistance to public and private owners of eligible brownfield properties for the purpose of cleaning up the properties.

- (3) An eligible owner of a brownfield property may borrow moneys from the fund by entering into a loan agreement with the department in accordance with rules adopted by the department.
- (4) The owner of a publicly owned brownfield property may enter into a loan agreement with the department notwithstanding any restrictions on indebtedness in the charter or bylaws of the public body or any other provision of law.
- (5) The department may adopt rules necessary to carry out the provisions of this section and ORS 285A.192. The rules shall include, but are not limited to, requirements for eligibility for financial assistance or other assistance from the program, good and sufficient collateral required to secure loans from the fund and the complete or partial waiver of interest on short-term loans made from the fund.
  - (6) As used in this section:

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- (a) "Brownfield" has the meaning given that term in [ORS 285A.185] section 25 of this 2007 Act.
- (b) "Other assistance" includes, but is not limited to, direct purchase of goods or services related to brownfields cleanup by the department.
  - (c) "Public body" has the meaning given that term in ORS 174.109.

## SECTION 100. ORS 285B.743 is amended to read:

- 285B.743. (1) Any individual or business firm may file with the Economic and Community Development Department an application to borrow money from the Oregon Entrepreneurial Development Loan Fund as provided in ORS 285B.740 to 285B.758. The application shall be filed in such a manner and contain or be accompanied by such information as the department may require.
- (2) Upon receipt of an application under this section, the Economic and Community Development Department shall determine whether the applicant is eligible to receive a loan under ORS [285B.139 and] 285B.740 to 285B.758. If the department determines that an applicant is not eligible to receive a loan, the department shall:
  - (a) Reject the application with a written statement of the reason for that rejection; or
- (b) Require the applicant to submit additional information concerning the application as may be necessary.

### **SECTION 101.** ORS 285B.752 is amended to read:

285B.752. An applicant who receives an entrepreneurial development loan under ORS 285B.740 to 285B.758 may apply for another such loan. Notwithstanding the limit set forth in ORS 285B.749 (2), the maximum aggregate amount that may be loaned to a single applicant under ORS [285B.139 and] 285B.740 to 285B.758 is \$40,000.

## SECTION 102. ORS 329.115 is amended to read:

- 329.115. (1) Prior to September 30 of each year, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall issue an Oregon Report Card on the state of the public schools and progress toward achieving the goals contained in ORS 329.025 and 329.035.
- (2) The purpose of the Oregon Report Card is to monitor trends among school districts and Oregon's progress toward achieving the goals stated in this chapter. The report on the state of the public schools shall be designed to:
- 41 (a) Allow educators and local citizens to determine and share successful and unsuccessful school 42 programs;
  - (b) Allow educators to sustain support for reforms demonstrated to be successful;
  - (c) Recognize schools for their progress and achievements; and
  - (d) Facilitate the use of educational resources and innovations in the most effective manner.

(3) The report shall contain, but need not be limited to:

- (a) Demographic information on public school children in this state.
- (b) Information pertaining to student achievement, including statewide assessment data, graduation rates and dropout rates, including progress toward achieving [the] education benchmarks, if any, established by the [Oregon Progress Board] Economic and Community Development Department under ORS 285A.075, with arrangements by minority groupings where applicable.
  - (c) Information pertaining to special program offerings.
- (d) Information pertaining to the characteristics of the school and school staff, including assignment of teachers, experience of staff and the proportion of minorities and women represented on the teaching and administrative staff.
- (e) Budget information, including source and disposition of school district operating funds and salary data.
- (f) Examples of exemplary programs, proven practices, programs designed to reduce costs or other innovations in education being developed by school districts in this state that show improved student learning.
  - (g) Such other information as the superintendent obtains under ORS 329.105.
- (4) In the second and subsequent years that the report is issued, the report shall include a comparison between the current and previous data and an analysis of trends in public education.

SECTION 103. ORS 329.155 is amended to read:

- 329.155. (1) State agencies that administer education programs and other programs that provide services for children and families shall:
- (a) Evaluate the effectiveness of the program as related to the principles stated in ORS 329.025 and 417.305 in the earliest stages of the budget process, including components within programs as appropriate;
- (b) Articulate ways in which the program is an effective component of agency and state priorities, goals and strategies, such as those developed by the [Oregon Progress Board] Economic and Community Development Department under ORS 285A.075, or to relevant research and professional standards;
- (c) Establish plans, interagency partnerships, implementation practices and interactions with local coordinated comprehensive plans;
- (d) Utilize the information generated by applicable state advisory groups and by the local planning process administered by the State Commission on Children and Families in the program assessment of needs and decisions as to service delivery in a given community; and
- (e) Identify barriers to improving program capability to serve the needs of young children and related recommendations, if any.
- (2) The processes listed in subsection (1) of this section are for the purpose of generating interagency coordination so as to serve to the greatest extent possible young children and their families in a comprehensive and developmentally appropriate fashion. The information generated by these processes shall be considered as a contribution to subsequent budget decisions by state and local agencies, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services and Legislative Assembly, and as a contribution to the planning and coordination tasks of the State Commission on Children and Families.

**SECTION 104.** ORS 401.808 is amended to read:

401.808. The Office of Emergency Management shall distribute quarterly the entire amount of the moneys in the Emergency Communications Account beginning in June 1982. The office shall pay the following amounts from the account:

- (1) Administrative costs incurred during the preceding calendar quarter by the Department of Revenue in carrying out ORS 401.792 to 401.804. The amount paid to the department shall not exceed one-half of one percent of the amount in the account on the date of distribution, or actual expenses incurred by the department, whichever is less.
- (2) Administrative costs incurred during the preceding calendar quarter by the Office of Emergency Management in carrying out its duties under ORS 305.823 and 401.710 to 401.816. The amount paid to the office shall not exceed four percent of the amount in the account on the date of distribution, or actual expenses incurred by the office, whichever is less. The office may provide funding under this subsection for the Oregon Emergency Response System in an amount not to exceed 15 percent of the legislatively approved budget for the Oregon Emergency Response System. Funding provided to the Oregon Emergency Response System under this subsection shall be in the manner prescribed by the office and shall be subject to the availability of funds for such funding.
- (3) Funds in the Enhanced 9-1-1 Subaccount shall be used to pay for costs incurred during the preceding calendar quarter for enhanced 9-1-1 telephone service established pursuant to ORS 401.720. Enhanced 9-1-1 subaccount funds shall not be disbursed to a 9-1-1 jurisdiction which does not have an approved final plan as required in section 7, chapter 743, Oregon Laws 1991. Payments shall be made only after a reimbursement request has been submitted to the Office of Emergency Management in the manner prescribed by the office. Reimbursement requests for recurring and nonrecurring charges necessary to enable the 9-1-1 jurisdiction to comply with ORS 401.720 shall be submitted directly to the Office of Emergency Management. The costs payable under this section are only those incurred for:
  - (a) Modification of central office switching and trunking equipment;
  - (b) Network development, operation and maintenance;
  - (c) Database development, operation and maintenance;
- (d) On-premises equipment procurement, maintenance and replacement;
- (e) Conversion of pay station telephones required by ORS 401.770;
- (f) Collection of the tax imposed by ORS 401.792 to 401.804; and
  - (g) Addressing if the reimbursement request is consistent with rules adopted by the office.
- (4) 9-1-1 jurisdictions who have enhanced 9-1-1 telephone service operational prior to December 31, 1991, shall receive funding based on cost information provided in their final plan required in section 7, chapter 743, Oregon Laws 1991. Plans submitted which meet the minimum requirements set forth in ORS 401.720 (2) and (4) shall be approved. Funding for costs incurred prior to the preceding calendar quarter shall be limited to charges associated with database development, network and on-premises equipment which satisfy the requirements of ORS 401.720 (2) and (4). Funding under this section shall be in the manner prescribed by the office and subject to the availability of funds therefor.
- (5) 9-1-1 jurisdictions may use funds distributed to the jurisdiction from any account described in ORS 401.806 to repay loans from the [Special Public Works] Community Investment Fund if the loans were used for purposes that are allowable under ORS 401.710 to 401.816.
- (6) Any amounts remaining in the Enhanced 9-1-1 Subaccount shall be retained by the Office of Emergency Management and may be distributed in any subsequent quarter for those purposes set forth in subsections (3), (4) and (5) of this section.
- (7) The Enhanced 9-1-1 Equipment Replacement Subaccount shall be used by the Office of Emergency Management to provide funds to replace and upgrade equipment to carry out the pro-

- visions of ORS 401.710 to 401.816. If at any time unexpended and unobligated balances in the sub-account exceed \$500,000, such excess amount shall be transferred and credited to the Emergency Communications Account and shall be used for the purposes otherwise provided by law.
- (8) The office shall review reimbursement requests for modification of central office switching and trunking equipment, conversion of pay station telephones, and network development, operation and maintenance costs necessary to comply with ORS 401.720 for the appropriateness of the costs claimed. The office shall approve or disapprove the reimbursement requests.
- (9) The office shall review reimbursement requests for database development, operation and maintenance, and on-premises equipment procurement, maintenance and replacement costs necessary to comply with ORS 401.720 for the appropriateness of the costs claimed.
- (10) After all amounts under subsections (1) and (2) of this section and ORS 401.806 (2) and (3) have been paid, the balance of the Emergency Communications Account shall be distributed to cities on a per capita basis and to counties on a per capita basis of each county's unincorporated area, for distribution to 9-1-1 jurisdictions within the city or county, but each county shall receive a minimum of one percent of the balance of the account after the amounts under subsections (1) and (2) of this section and ORS 401.806 (2) and (3) have been paid. A 9-1-1 jurisdiction whose 9-1-1 service area includes more than one city or county shall receive funds from each city or county involved.
- (11) Notwithstanding subsection (10) of this section, a city or county may have its quarterly distribution made payable and sent to the 9-1-1 jurisdiction responsible for providing the services required in ORS 401.720.
- (12) 9-1-1 jurisdictions shall submit an accounting report to the office annually. The report shall be provided in the manner prescribed by the office, and shall include but not be limited to:
- (a) Funds received and expended under subsection (10) or (11) of this section for the purposes of fulfilling the requirements of ORS 401.720;
- (b) Local funds received and expended for the purposes of fulfilling the requirements of ORS 401.720; and
- (c) Local funds received and expended for the purposes of providing emergency communications services.

### **SECTION 105.** ORS 417.705 is amended to read:

417.705. As used in ORS 417.705 to 417.801:

- (1) "Community mobilization" means government and private efforts to increase community awareness and facilitate the active participation of citizens and organizations in projects and issues that will have positive impact on the well-being of children, families and communities.
- (2) "Efficiency" means a measurable indicator of the amount of resources required to produce an output.
- (3) "High-level outcome" means the Oregon benchmarks, if any, adopted by the [Oregon Progress Board] Economic and Community Development Department under ORS 285A.075 and any other measurable indicators of societal well-being.
- (4) "Intermediate outcome" means a measurable indicator of the effort by an agency or other entity toward achieving a high-level outcome target.
- (5) "Local commission" means a local commission on children and families established pursuant to ORS 417.760.
- (6) "Local coordinated comprehensive plan" or "local plan" means a local coordinated comprehensive plan for children and families that is developed pursuant to ORS 417.775 through a process coordinated and led by a local commission and that consists of:

- 1 (a) A community plan that identifies the community's needs, strengths, goals, priorities and 2 strategies for:
  - (A) Creating positive outcomes for children and families;
- 4 (B) Community mobilization;

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- (C) Coordinating programs, strategies and services for children who are 0 through 18 years of age and their families among community groups, government agencies, private providers and other parties; and
  - (D) Addressing the needs of target populations; and
- (b) The service plans listed in ORS 417.775 (6) that designate specific services for the target populations identified in the community plan.
  - (7) "Outcome" means the measure of a desired result.
- (8) "Output" means the amount or frequency of products or services delivered by an agency or other entity.
  - (9) "Performance measure" includes outcomes, outputs and efficiencies that indicate how well an agency or other entity is carrying out its mission and achieving its goals.
  - (10) "Services for children and families" does not include services provided by the Department of Education or school districts that are related to curriculum or instructional programs.
- 18 (11) "State commission" means the State Commission on Children and Families established under 19 ORS 417.730.
  - (12) "Target" means a specific level of achievement desired for a specific time, expressed numerically.

### **SECTION 106.** ORS 417.797 is amended to read:

- 417.797. (1) Each state agency or other entity that is responsible for a component of the local coordinated comprehensive plan shall ensure that a biennial evaluation of the plan component is conducted according to a consistent framework. The program evaluation shall include:
  - (a) An identified goal and associated Oregon benchmarks;
  - (b) Proven practices of effectiveness and related Oregon data;
- (c) A target population and a description of local service systems that may be used in identifying, screening, recruiting and serving the target population;
- (d) Specific intermediate outcomes that measure progress in addressing risk contributors or developing core supports and competencies and specific tools and data sources to measure the intermediate outcomes;
- (e) Baseline data about the incidence of risk and asset and support factors with the goal of measuring change over time, including an assessment of local need;
  - (f) Measures of fiscal accountability;
- (g) Identified roles and responsibilities for state agencies and local partners and performance measures to evaluate effectiveness in agreed-upon roles; and
- (h) Measures of the change in coordination among service providers and programs as a result of the local plan, including increases in access to services.
- (2) The State Commission on Children and Families shall disclose the results of the evaluations to any person upon request.
  - (3) The [Oregon Progress Board] **Economic and Community Development Department** shall conduct a review of the intermediate outcome targets achieved by local coordinated comprehensive plans in accordance with ORS 417.735 (3)(c) for the purpose of identifying progress in achieving outcomes specified in local plans. The [Oregon Progress Board] **department** shall coordinate the

- 1 review with the evaluations conducted according to subsection (1) of this section.
- 2 **SECTION 107.** ORS 461.540 is amended to read:
- 3 461.540. (1) There hereby is established in the General Fund of the State Treasury the Admin-
- 4 istrative Services Economic Development Fund. All moneys transferred from the State Lottery Fund,
- 5 interest earnings credited to this fund and other moneys authorized to be transferred to this fund
- 6 from whatever source are appropriated continuously for any of the following public purposes:
- 7 (a) Creating jobs;
- 8 (b) Furthering economic development in Oregon; or
- 9 (c) Financing public education.
- 10 (2) Moneys shall be transferred from the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund
- 11 to the Education Stability Fund established under ORS 348.696 as described in section 4, Article XV
- 12 of the Oregon Constitution.
- 13 (3) As used in this section and section 4, Article XV of the Oregon Constitution:
- 14 (a) "Creating jobs" includes, but is not limited to:
- 15 (A) Supporting the creation of new jobs in Oregon;
- 16 (B) Helping prevent the loss of existing jobs in Oregon;
- 17 (C) Assisting with work transition to new jobs in Oregon; or
- 18 (D) Training or retraining workers.
- 19 (b) "Education" includes, but is not limited to, the Education Stability Fund established under
- 20 ORS 348.696 and specific programs that support the following:
- 21 (A) Prekindergartens;
- 22 (B) Elementary and secondary schools;
- 23 (C) Community colleges;
- 24 (D) Higher education;

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- 25 (E) Continuing education;
- 26 (F) Workforce training and education programs; or
- 27 (G) Financial assistance to Oregon students.
- 28 (c) "Furthering economic development" includes, but is not limited to, providing:
- 29 (A) Services or financial assistance to for-profit and nonprofit businesses located or to be lo-30 cated in Oregon;
  - (B) Services or financial assistance to business or industry associations to promote, expand or prevent the decline of their businesses; or
  - (C) Services or financial assistance for facilities, physical environments or development projects[, as defined in ORS 285B.410,] that benefit Oregon's economy.

### SECTION 108. ORS 468B.415 is amended to read:

- 468B.415. (1) There is established a safety committee for the Oregon coast. A subcommittee shall be appointed for Coos Bay and Yaquina Bay. In addition, the Department of Environmental Quality also shall consult with the State of Washington to establish a joint regional safety committee for the Columbia River and may appoint a subcommittee for the Willamette River. The safety committee shall operate under the direction of the Economic and Community Development Department [pursuant to ORS 285A.615].
- (2) Each committee shall consist of not more than 11 members, appointed by the Director of the Economic and Community Development Department in consultation with the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality. At a minimum, the following groups should be considered for representation on the committees:

- 1 (a) Local port authorities;
- 2 (b) Tank vessel operators;
- 3 (c) Tug and barge operators;
- 4 (d) Pilots' organizations;
- (e) Cargo vessel operators;
- 6 (f) Commercial fishermen;
- 7 (g) Pleasure boat operators;
- 8 (h) Environmental organizations;
- (i) Local planning authorities; and
- 10 (j) The public at large.

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- (3) The members shall be appointed to the safety committee for a term of four years. The Director of the Economic and Community Development Department in consultation with the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality shall appoint the chairperson of each committee to serve a term of four years.
  - (4) A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
  - (5) The duties of the safety committees shall include but are not limited to:
- (a) Planning for safe navigation and operation of covered vessels within each harbor;
  - (b) Developing safety plans;
- (c) Reviewing and making recommendations to the Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots, ports and the United States Coast Guard on the following:
- (A) Pilotage requirements for all single boiler or single engine and single screw tank vessels carrying oil in pilotage grounds;
  - (B) Reducing deadweight tonnage specifications for pilotage service for vessels carrying oil;
- (C) Guidelines for tugs on tank vessels for tow cable size and material specifications, cable maintenance practices, cable handling equipment design and barge recovery plan preparation;
- (D) Establishing regional speed limits, based on escort vehicle limitations, for all tank vessels in inland navigable waters and critical approaches to inland navigable waters;
  - (E) Requiring towing systems and plans on all tank vessels carrying oil; and
- (F) The feasibility of establishing a pilot program for a near-miss reporting system that is coordinated with vessel inspection information compiled as a result of inspections under ORS 468B.370 and 468B.375.
- (6) Members of the safety committees established under this section are entitled to compensation and expenses as provided in ORS 292.495.
- (7) The Department of Environmental Quality shall serve in an advisory capacity to the safety committees and review the safety plans. In addition, the United States Coast Guard shall be invited to also act in an advisory capacity to the safety committees and may participate in the review of safety plans.

# SECTION 109. ORS 576.768 is amended to read:

- 576.768. (1) The report submitted by the Oregon Wine Board under ORS 182.472 must include a description of the long term strategic plan created by the board and a description of the progress made in implementing the statewide strategic objectives of the board during the most recent biennium.
  - (2) Notwithstanding ORS 182.462:
- (a) The board shall prepare and submit annual plans and a budget recommended by the board for promotion and for research during the next fiscal year.

- (b) The board shall adopt rules specifying the procedures, criteria and timelines for the preparation and approval of the annual plans and budget for promotion and for research.
- (c) The Director of the Economic and Community Development Department shall review the budget and plans submitted under this section. In reviewing the annual plans and budget, the director shall consider whether the information supplied by the board is factual and consistent with ORS 576.750 to 576.775 and the positive development of the Oregon wine grape growing and wine making industries. The director shall either approve the budget and plans prior to the commencement of the next fiscal year or disapprove and return the budget and plans to the board with conditions necessary for approval prior to the commencement of the next fiscal year. In reviewing the budget and plans, the director may consult with and receive coordinated support from:
  - (A) The State Department of Agriculture;
  - (B) The [Oregon Tourism Commission] Economic and Community Development Department;
  - (C) The Department of Higher Education;
  - (D) The Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development; and
  - (E) The Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

#### MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

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SECTION 110. The unit captions used in this 2007 Act are provided for the convenience of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or express any legislative intent in the enactment of this 2007 Act.

SECTION 111. ORS 285A.125, 285A.131, 285A.133, 285A.136, 285A.139, 285A.141, 285A.150, 285A.153, 285A.156, 285A.159, 285A.162, 285A.165, 285A.168, 285A.170, 285A.174, 285A.185, 285A.188, 285A.203, 285A.209, 285A.255, 285A.258, 285A.261, 285A.264, 285A.267, 285A.269, 285A.271, 285A.272, 285A.274, 285A.277, 285A.279, 285A.282, 285A.288, 285A.600, 285A.603, 285A.606, 285A.609, 285A.612, 285A.615, 285A.618, 285A.624, 285A.627, 285A.630, 285A.633, 285A.654, 285A.657, 285A.660, 285A.666, 285A.669, 285A.672, 285A.675, 285A.678, 285A.681, 285A.684, 285A.687, 285A.690, 285A.693, 285A.696, 285A.699, 285A.702, 285A.705, 285A.708, 285A.709, 285A.711, 285A.732, 285B.071, 285B.074, 285B.077, 285B.095, 285B.139, 285B.144, 285B.150, 285B.159, 285B.162, 285B.166, 285B.183, 285B.212, 285B.254, 285B.257, 285B.332, 285B.410, 285B.413, 285B.419, 285B.422, 285B.428, 285B.437, 285B.440, 285B.449, 285B.455, 285B.458, 285B.460, 285B.462, 285B.465, 285B.467, 285B.470, 285B.473, 285B.476, 285B.479, 285B.482, 285B.560, 285B.563, 285B.566, 285B.569, 285B.572, 285B.575, 285B.578, 285B.581, 285B.584, 285B.587, 285B.590, 285B.593, 285B.596, 285B.599 and 285B.755 are repealed.

SECTION 112. Sections 23 to 38, 47 and 69 of this 2007 Act, the amendments to statutes by sections 1 to 9, 13 to 22, 39 to 46, 48 to 68 and 70 to 109 of this 2007 Act and the repeal of statutes by section 111 of this 2007 Act become operative on January 1, 2008.

SECTION 113. This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect on its passage.