

# House Bill 3476

Sponsored by Representative BAILEY

## 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**.

Establishes pilot program for purpose of encouraging partnerships between public, private and community entities for school renovation projects. Establishes School Facility Partnership Revolving Fund for purpose of providing loans at no interest to school districts participating in pilot program. Sunsets pilot program July 1, 2012.

Establishes School Renovation Grant Program in Housing and Community Services Department. Requires grants awarded under program to be used in school renovation projects that contribute to ensuring that school facilities meet high performance building standards for energy efficiency and environmental sustainability. Establishes School Renovation Fund for purpose of providing grants. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2009.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to school facilities; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Education shall establish a pilot program in three**  
5 **school districts for the purpose of encouraging partnerships between public, private and**  
6 **community entities for school renovation projects. The pilot program shall serve as a model**  
7 **for future school renovation projects in this state.**

8 **(2) The three school districts participating in the pilot program shall be:**

9 **(a) Selected through a competitive process by the Department of Education, the Housing**  
10 **and Community Services Department, an organization that represents education service**  
11 **districts in this state and an organization that facilitates partnerships between public, pri-**  
12 **vate and community entities for the purpose of improving school facilities in this state; and**

13 **(b) Representative of different characteristics of school districts in this state and regions**  
14 **of this state.**

15 **(3) A school district participating in the pilot program may receive a loan for the funding**  
16 **of a school renovation project by applying to the Department of Education for moneys from**  
17 **the School Facility Partnership Revolving Fund established by section 2 of this 2009 Act. In-**  
18 **terest may not be charged on loans made from the revolving fund.**

19 **(4) The Department of Education shall submit an annual report to the legislative com-**  
20 **mittees related to education no later than October 1. The report required by this subsection**  
21 **shall summarize the efforts and results of the pilot program established by this section.**

22 **(5) The Department of Education may adopt any rules necessary for the administration**  
23 **of the pilot program established by this section.**

24 **SECTION 2. (1) The School Facility Partnership Revolving Fund is established in the**  
25 **State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. The revolving fund shall con-**  
26 **sist of moneys appropriated for the revolving fund and moneys received from school districts**  
27 **as repayment of loans made from the revolving fund.**

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

1 (2) Moneys in the revolving fund are continuously appropriated to the Department of  
2 Education for the purpose of providing funding to school districts participating in the pilot  
3 program established by section 1 of this 2009 Act.

4 **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated to the Department of Education, for the biennium  
5 beginning July 1, 2009, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$600,000 for the purpose of  
6 funding the School Facility Partnership Revolving Fund established by section 2 of this 2009  
7 Act.

8 **SECTION 4.** (1) Sections 1 and 2 of this 2009 Act are repealed July 1, 2012.

9 (2) Any moneys remaining in the School Facility Partnership Revolving Fund on July 1,  
10 2012, and any moneys received after July 1, 2012, as repayment of loans made from the re-  
11 volving fund shall revert to the General Fund.

12 **SECTION 5.** (1) The School Renovation Grant Program is established in the Housing and  
13 Community Services Department. The purpose of the grant program is to assist school dis-  
14 tricts in funding renovation projects that contribute to ensuring that school facilities meet  
15 high performance building standards for energy efficiency and environmental sustainability.

16 (2) The Housing and Community Services Department, in collaboration with the Depart-  
17 ment of Education and an organization that represents education service districts in this  
18 state, shall oversee the grant program and award grants.

19 (3) Grants awarded under this section must be used to contribute to ensuring that school  
20 facilities meet high performance building standards for energy efficiency and environmental  
21 sustainability, based on standards adopted by rule of the Housing and Community Services  
22 Department. Preference for grants may be given to renovation projects that:

23 (a) Are in school districts in which at least 50 percent of the students in the schools of  
24 the school district qualify for the United States Department of Agriculture's National School  
25 Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program;

26 (b) Are in school districts that, in the previous 10 years, have not passed a bond measure  
27 for the benefit of the schools in the school district;

28 (c) Reduce or eliminate any health concerns related to the school facilities;

29 (d) Create jobs in the area served by the school district;

30 (e) Involve partnerships with public, private and community entities; and

31 (f) Can be undertaken expeditiously.

32 (4) The Housing and Community Services Department shall:

33 (a) Periodically evaluate progress on projects funded by grants awarded under this sec-  
34 tion;

35 (b) Design a reporting mechanism to track how grant moneys are spent and the effects  
36 the renovation projects have on local communities and the state; and

37 (c) Adopt any rules necessary for the administration of this section.

38 **SECTION 6.** The School Renovation Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate  
39 and distinct from the General Fund. Moneys in the School Renovation Fund are continuously  
40 appropriated to the Housing and Community Services Department for the purpose of funding  
41 grants under the School Renovation Grant Program established by section 5 of this 2009 Act.

42 **SECTION 7.** There is appropriated to the Housing and Community Services Department,  
43 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$50 million  
44 to be deposited in the School Renovation Fund established by section 6 of this 2009 Act for  
45 the purpose of carrying out the School Renovation Grant Program established by section 5

1 of this 2009 Act.

2 **SECTION 8. This 2009 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
3 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2009 Act takes effect**  
4 **July 1, 2009.**

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