## Senate Bill 853

Sponsored by Senator METSGER (at the request of Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council)

## **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 Commercial and Industrial Projects Siting Authority to nominate and select traded sectors for development of commercial or industrial projects. Requires authority to nominate traded sectors on basis of certain criteria and to hold hearing before selecting which traded sector to develop.

Requires state, counties, cities and political subdivisions to issue appropriate permits, licenses and certificates and to enter into intergovernmental agreements for development of commercial or industrial projects.

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- 3 Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
  - SECTION 1. As used in sections 2 to 7 of this 2009 Act:
  - (1) "Commercial or industrial project" or "project" means a project developed by the Economic and Community Development Department under ORS 285B.280 to 285B.286.
    - (2) "Traded sector" has the meaning given that term in ORS 285B.280.
  - <u>SECTION 2.</u> (1) There is established the Commercial and Industrial Projects Siting Authority, consisting of five members appointed by the Governor.
  - (2) The term of office of a member is four years, but a member serves at the pleasure of the Governor. Before the expiration of the term of a member, the Governor shall appoint a successor whose term begins on January 1 next following. If there is a vacancy for any cause, the Governor shall make an appointment to become immediately effective for the unexpired term.
  - (3) The appointment of a member to the authority is subject to confirmation by the Senate in the manner prescribed in ORS 171.562 and 171.565.
    - (4) The Governor shall select one member of the authority to serve as chairperson.
  - (5) The authority shall nominate traded sectors and determine the locations for the development of commercial or industrial projects pursuant to sections 2 to 7 of this 2009 Act.
    - (6) A majority of the members constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.
  - (7) Members of the authority are entitled to compensation and expenses as provided in ORS 292.495.
  - (8) The Economic and Community Development Department shall provide staff support to the authority and reimburse the authority's claims for expenses.
    - SECTION 3. The Commercial and Industrial Projects Siting Authority shall:
  - (1) Nominate traded sectors for the development of commercial or industrial projects based on whether:
    - (a) The governing body of a local jurisdiction demonstrates an interest in having a traded

sector selected for the development of a project within its jurisdiction.

- (b) The governing body of a local jurisdiction has an economic need for the development of a project.
  - (c) Land or capital is available for the development of a project.
- (d) Development of a project would be harmful to the natural features of a local jurisdiction.
  - (e) The proposed project is compatible with the natural features of a local jurisdiction.
- (f) Development of a project meets any other criteria established by the Director of the Economic and Community Development Department under section 7 of this 2009 Act.
- (2) Publish a report that states the conclusions of the Economic and Community Development Department with regard to each nominated traded sector and provide copies of the report to:
- (a) Each of the county commissioners in a county where any nominated traded sector is located;
- (b) Each of the city council members in a city where any nominated traded sector is located;
- (c) Any governmental agency that provides services to the department for the development of a project or to any public or private entity with whom the department contracts to develop a project; and
  - (d) Any member of the public who requests a copy of the report.
- (3) Provide public notice of the nominated traded sectors and the hearings process required by section 5 of this 2009 Act. To disseminate this information to the public, the authority shall:
- (a) Publish the notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or counties where the traded sectors are located; and
  - (b) Post the notice on the department's website.
- SECTION 4. Prior to nominating traded sectors under section 3 of this 2009 Act, the Commercial and Industrial Projects Siting Authority shall:
- (1) Hold a meeting with government officials of each local jurisdiction where the authority is considering nomination of a traded sector to discuss the preferences of the local governing body; and
- (2) Consult with other governmental agencies about the feasibility and suitability of developing a commercial or industrial project in each local jurisdiction where the authority is considering nomination of a traded sector.
- SECTION 5. (1) Within 30 days after the Commercial and Industrial Projects Siting Authority nominates traded sectors under section 3 of this 2009 Act, the authority shall hold a public hearing in each local jurisdiction where a nominated traded sector is located. During the hearing, the authority shall receive testimony from the Director of the Economic and Community Development Department, the local governing body, other affected governmental agencies and the public regarding the nominated traded sectors and any proposed conditions for the development of a commercial or industrial project.
- (2) No later than 10 days before the hearing held by the authority, any affected governmental agency, local governing body or person may submit to the authority a proposed condition for the development of the project on a form developed by the authority. The authority shall consider written submissions that:

- (a) Separately and specifically state each condition and the need for each condition;
- (b) Identify the traded sector and the proposed project to which the condition, if approved, would attach; and
- (c) Present conditions that directly pertain to the traded sector, the proposed project, any route that provides access to the traded sector or any natural feature in the immediate vicinity of the traded sector.
- (3)(a) Within 45 days after the authority nominates traded sectors under section 3 of this 2009 Act, the authority shall select and rank in order of preference the traded sectors for the development of commercial or industrial projects and specify any conditions that the authority has attached to a traded sector. The authority shall support each selected traded sector and attached condition with findings that address the criteria specified in section 3 of this 2009 Act.
- (b) In addition to the findings required by paragraph (a) of this subsection, when the authority decides not to adopt a proposed condition submitted in accordance with subsection (2) of this section, the authority shall state the reasons why adoption of the proposed condition is not in the public interest.
- (c) The authority shall report the authority's findings and reasons under paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection to the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided in ORS 192.245.
- (4) The governing body of a local jurisdiction may demonstrate an interest in being selected for the development of a project by presenting to the authority a written statement that describes the governing body's interest no later than 30 days after the authority provides notice under section 3 of this 2009 Act.
- (5) If the authority selects a traded sector from a jurisdiction whose governing body did not demonstrate an interest, the authority shall make and publish findings that explain the reason for selecting a traded sector in that jurisdiction, including the reasons for selecting a traded sector in that jurisdiction over a jurisdiction that expressed an interest under subsection (4) of this section.
- SECTION 6. (1) Notwithstanding ORS 169.690, 195.025, 197.180, 215.130 (4) and 227.286, the decisions of the Commercial and Industrial Projects Siting Authority shall bind the state and all counties, cities and political subdivisions in this state to the approval of the traded sectors and the approval of the commercial or industrial projects. Affected state agencies, counties, cities and political subdivisions shall issue the appropriate permits, licenses and certificates and enter into any intergovernmental agreements that are necessary for the development of the projects, subject only to the conditions that the authority attaches to each project.
- (2) Each state or local governmental agency that issues a permit, license or certificate shall continue to exercise enforcement authority over the permit, license or certificate.
- SECTION 7. In accordance with the applicable provisions of ORS chapter 183, the Director of the Economic and Community Development Department shall adopt rules necessary for the administration of sections 2 to 7 of this 2009 Act.