

A-Engrossed
House Bill 3644

Ordered by the House February 12
Including House Amendments dated February 12

Sponsored by Representatives J SMITH, BARTON; Representatives BARKER, BUCKLEY, CLEM, FREDERICK, GARRETT, GELSER, GREENLICK, HARKER, HOLVEY, MATTHEWS, READ, STIEGLER, THATCHER, VANORMAN, WITT (Pre-session filed.)

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.

[Creates Oregon Economic Gardening Council.]

Creates Task Force on Stage Two Business Development and Economic Gardening.

Creates Oregon **Stage Two Business Development and Economic Gardening Fund**. Continuously appropriates moneys in fund to Oregon Business Development Department for purposes of *[council]* **task force**.

Sunsetts task force on July 1, 2011. Transfers moneys from Oregon Stage Two Business Development and Economic Gardening Fund to General Fund on July 1, 2011.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to economic gardening; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.

3 Whereas Oregon faces a challenging economic climate; and

4 Whereas job development and economic recovery are high priorities; and

5 Whereas small- and medium-sized businesses are strong engines of job creation and economic
6 growth; and

7 Whereas a subset of small- and medium-sized "stage two" businesses are responsible for a dis-
8 proportionately large share of job creation; and

9 Whereas a set of techniques for cultivating stage two businesses with high growth potential,
10 with particular attention to advanced market research and including enhanced connectivity and
11 improved business development infrastructure, has proved effective in recent years and has been
12 given the name "economic gardening"; and

13 Whereas various cities and organizations in Oregon have begun stage two business development
14 programs that would be aided in implementation and resource development by a state strategy; and

15 Whereas these techniques present an opportunity to enhance Oregon's business support
16 infrastructure and aid in economic recovery, job creation and the development of a thriving local
17 economy; and

18 Whereas several private entrepreneurial foundations have taken interest in the practice of eco-
19 nomic gardening and may provide opportunities to leverage nonstate resources for an Oregon eco-
20 nomic gardening program; now, therefore,

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

22 **SECTION 1.** (1) **There is created the Task Force on Stage Two Business Development and**
23 **Economic Gardening, consisting of 15 members appointed as follows:**

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 (a) The President of the Senate shall appoint:

2 (A) Two members from among members of the Senate who shall be from different poli-
3 tical parties.

4 (B) Two members representing municipal or regional economic development organiza-
5 tions.

6 (C) One member who shall be a current or former business leader with fast-growth
7 business experience.

8 (b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint:

9 (A) Two members from among members of the House of Representatives who shall be
10 from different political parties.

11 (B) Two members representing municipal or regional economic development organiza-
12 tions.

13 (C) One member who shall be a current or former business leader with fast-growth
14 business experience.

15 (D) One member representing a nonprofit business development organization.

16 (c) The Chancellor of the Oregon University System shall appoint one member repre-
17 senting the system who shall be a current or former business leader.

18 (d) The Director of the Oregon Business Development Department shall appoint:

19 (A) One member representing the department.

20 (B) One member representing a small business development center who shall be a cur-
21 rent or former business leader.

22 (e) The Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development shall appoint
23 one member representing the community colleges in this state.

24 (f) At least two of the nonlegislative members appointed should have knowledge of ad-
25 vanced market research tools and their application.

26 (2) The task force shall:

27 (a) Identify and assess Oregon's continuum of business development services with par-
28 ticular attention to the needs of stage two, high-growth businesses, advanced market re-
29 search, including but not limited to connectivity among business service providers, and
30 infrastructure to support entrepreneurship and growth company capacity building.

31 (b) Collaborate with state and local governments and their departments, community col-
32 leges, institutions of higher education and business and economic development organizations
33 to identify areas for program modification, enhancement, coordination and creation to de-
34 liver a more robust continuum of services for stage two, high-growth businesses consistent
35 with the principles of economic gardening.

36 (c) Make recommendations to the Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly for program mod-
37 ification, enhancement, coordination and creation to deliver a more robust continuum of
38 services for stage two, high-growth businesses consistent with the principles of economic
39 gardening.

40 (d) Recommend program areas in which Oregon University System graduate programs
41 and community colleges may choose to participate in order to assist in providing a more
42 robust continuum of services for stage two, high-growth businesses consistent with the
43 principles of economic gardening, including but not limited to courses of study and
44 internships.

45 (e) Make recommendations for criteria for stage two, high-growth businesses as the cri-

1 **teria relate to recommended strategies for fast-growth stage-two business development.**

2 **(f) Make recommendations for key metrics and outcomes to be measured should the**
3 **state create an economic gardening program.**

4 **(g) Make recommendations for how an economic gardening program may fit within ef-**
5 **forts under way to support the development of the state's minority, women and emerging**
6 **small business enterprises.**

7 **(3) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction**
8 **of business.**

9 **(4) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members**
10 **of the task force.**

11 **(5) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.**

12 **(6) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-**
13 **ment to become immediately effective.**

14 **(7) The task force shall meet at least once every three months, at times and places**
15 **specified by the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the members of the task force.**

16 **(8) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.**

17 **(9) Notwithstanding ORS 171.072, members of the task force who are members of the**
18 **Legislative Assembly are not entitled to mileage expenses or a per diem and serve as volun-**
19 **teers on the task force. Other members of the task force are not entitled to compensation**
20 **or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task force.**

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

25 **SECTION 2.** **(1) The Oregon Stage Two Business Development and Economic Gardening**
26 **Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. In-**
27 **terest earned by the Oregon Stage Two Business Development and Economic Gardening Fund**
28 **shall be credited to the fund. Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the**
29 **Oregon Business Development Department for the purposes of carrying out the duties of the**
30 **Task Force on Stage Two Business Development and Economic Gardening. The task force**
31 **may advise the department on specific means for expending any moneys in the fund.**

32 **(2) The Oregon Business Development Department may accept grants, donations, con-**
33 **tributions or gifts from any source for deposit in the Oregon Stage Two Business Develop-**
34 **ment and Economic Gardening Fund established in subsection (1) of this section for the**
35 **purpose of enabling the Task Force on Stage Two Business Development and Economic**
36 **Gardening to carry out the task force's duties under section 1 of this 2010 Act.**

37 **SECTION 3.** **(1) Section 1 of this 2010 Act is repealed on July 1, 2011.**

38 **(2) Upon the repeal of section 1 of this 2010 Act, all funds within the Oregon Stage Two**
39 **Business Development and Economic Gardening Fund shall be transferred to the General**
40 **Fund.**

41 **SECTION 4.** **This 2010 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
42 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2010 Act takes effect**
43 **on its passage.**

44