House Bill 2626

Sponsored by Representative SCHAUFLER (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

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Authorizes issuance of lottery bonds for transportation projects funded from Multimodal Transportation Fund. Specifies allocation of lottery bond proceeds.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2011.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

- Relating to financing for transportation projects; and declaring an emergency.
- Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
- <u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) The Legislative Assembly finds that issuing lottery bonds to finance transportation projects is essential to promoting the state's economic development.
 - (2) The use of lottery bond proceeds is authorized based on the following findings:
- (a) There is an urgent need to improve and expand publicly owned and privately owned transportation infrastructure to support economic development in this state.
- (b) A safe, efficient and reliable transportation network supports the long-term economic development and livability of this state.
- (c) A multimodal network of air, rail, public transit, highway and marine transportation moves people and goods efficiently.
- (d) Local governments and private sector businesses often lack capital and the technical capacity to undertake multimodal transportation projects.
- (e) Public financial assistance can stimulate industrial growth and commercial enterprise and promote employment opportunities in this state.
- (f) Public investment in transportation infrastructure will create jobs and further economic development in this state.
- (3) The factors described in subsection (2) of this section will encourage and promote economic development within the State of Oregon, and issuance of lottery bonds to finance transportation projects is therefore an appropriate use of state lottery funds under section 4, Article XV of the Oregon Constitution, and ORS 461.510.
- SECTION 2. (1) For the biennium beginning July 1, 2011, at the request of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, in consultation with the Department of Transportation, the State Treasurer is authorized to issue lottery bonds pursuant to ORS 286A.560 to 286A.585 in an amount not to exceed net proceeds of \$100 million for the purpose described in subsection (2) of this section, plus an additional amount, to be estimated by the State Treasurer, for payment of bond-related costs.
- (2) Net proceeds of lottery bonds issued pursuant to this section must be deposited in the Multimodal Transportation Fund established under ORS 367.080 sufficient to provide \$100 million in net proceeds and interest earnings for disbursement to the Department of Trans-

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portation to finance grants and loans for transportation projects as provided in ORS 367.080 to 367.086.

- (3) Bond-related costs for the lottery bonds authorized by this section must be paid from the gross proceeds of the lottery bonds and from allocations for the purposes of ORS 286A.576 (1)(c).
- SECTION 3. To the extent that proposed transportation projects meet the qualifications established by the Oregon Transportation Commission by rule, the commission shall allocate at least 10 percent of the net proceeds of the lottery bonds authorized by section 2 of this 2011 Act to each region described in this section. For purposes of this section, the regions are as follows:
- (1) Region one consists of Clackamas, Columbia, Hood River, Multnomah and Washington Counties.
- (2) Region two consists of Benton, Clatsop, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Polk, Tillamook and Yamhill Counties.
 - (3) Region three consists of Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson and Josephine Counties.
- (4) Region four consists of Crook, Deschutes, Gilliam, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Sherman, Wasco and Wheeler Counties.
- (5) Region five consists of Baker, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, Union and Wallowa Counties.
- SECTION 4. This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect July 1, 2011.

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