

House Bill 3460

Sponsored by Representatives J SMITH, WAND

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**.

Directs Secretary of State to divide state into 36 contiguous regions of equal population for purpose of statewide distribution to local governments of federal funds and other funds directed to State of Oregon to alleviate economic distress. Requires state agencies to distribute such funds on basis of secretary's apportionment.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to allocation of funds for statewide distribution.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **"Local government" has the meaning given that term in ORS 174.116.**

6 (b) **"Statewide distribution to local governments" means distribution statewide, whether**
7 **distributed to counties only or to any combination of local governments.**

8 (2) **The Legislative Assembly finds and declares:**

9 (a) **Federal funds and other funds directed to the State of Oregon to alleviate economic**
10 **distress are often apportioned by county, based on county-wide statistics.**

11 (b) **Oregon counties range in size from a population of under 2,000 to a population of over**
12 **600,000, with substantial regions and pockets of greater or lesser economic distress.**

13 (c) **In counties with substantial pockets of more affluent populations, the county-wide**
14 **statistics can be skewed, resulting in inefficient apportionment of federal funds and other**
15 **funds directed to the State of Oregon to alleviate economic distress.**

16 (3) **When federal funds and other funds directed to the State of Oregon to alleviate eco-**
17 **nomical distress are appropriated to a state agency for statewide distribution to local govern-**
18 **ments, the state agency shall distribute the funds to local governments based on the**
19 **apportionment of this state into regions pursuant to this section.**

20 (4) **The Secretary of State shall divide this state into 36 contiguous regions that are as**
21 **nearly equal in population as possible based on the most recent federal decennial census. To**
22 **the greatest extent feasible, the secretary shall divide the regions along existing local gov-**
23 **ernment boundaries and election precinct boundaries.**

24 (5) **After each subsequent federal decennial census, the secretary shall modify the**
25 **boundaries of the regions so that the regions remain as nearly equal in population as possible**
26 **based on the most recent federal decennial census.**

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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.