Senate Bill 943

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

SUMMARY

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Requires state agencies to perform certain actions related to sustainability. Creates Interagency Sustainability Network.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

- 2 Relating to sustainability; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 276.094.
- 3 Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
 - SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section and section 2 of this 2011 Act:
- 5 (a) "State agency" means any state board, commission or department, except those in 6 the legislative and judicial branches; and
 - (b) "Sustainability" has the meaning given that term in ORS 184.421.
 - (2) To carry out the goals related to sustainability listed in ORS 184.423, each state agency shall:
 - (a) Review the rules and policies adopted by the state agency and revise those rules and policies to ensure a consistent approach to sustainable practices;
 - (b) Encourage and promote the education of state officers, state employees and the public about the resource and cost savings potential of sustainable operations;
 - (c) Develop and annually update a plan to achieve the goals listed in ORS 184.423;
 - (d) Devise and implement corrective measures for activities that are not sustainable;
 - (e) Appoint an officer to oversee and coordinate activities that are related to achieving the goals listed in ORS 184.423; and
 - (f) Create and maintain a Green Team Program by which employees of the state agency may voluntarily organize for the purpose of participating in activities related to sustainability.
 - (3) An officer appointed under this section shall:
 - (a) Coordinate efforts to implement the state agency's plan developed pursuant to subsection (2)(c) of this section;
 - (b) Coordinate efforts to implement a Green Team Program, as described in section (2)(f) of this section: and
 - (c) If the state agency that appointed the officer is a member agency of the Interagency Sustainability Network created in section 2 of this 2011 Act, coordinate with other member agencies in developing new approaches to sustainability.
 - (4) A state agency shall submit a plan developed or updated pursuant to subsection (2)(c) of this section to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services.
 - (5) In carrying out this section, a state agency may seek input from the department or

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- 1 the Sustainability Board.
- 2 <u>SECTION 2.</u> (1) There is created the Interagency Sustainability Network, consisting of the following member agencies:
- 4 (a) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services;
 - (b) The Oregon Business Development Department;
 - (c) The State Department of Agriculture;
- 7 (d) The Department of Environmental Quality;
- 8 (e) The Department of Land Conservation and Development;
- 9 (f) The State Department of Energy;
- 10 (g) The Department of Transportation; and
- 11 (h) Any other state agency designated by the Governor as a member agency.
- 12 (2) The network shall:
 - (a) Share information with and circulate plans developed pursuant to section 1 of this 2011 Act among other member agencies; and
 - (b) Coordinate with other member agencies in developing new approaches to sustainability.

SECTION 3. ORS 276.094 is amended to read:

276.094. The Legislative Assembly recognizes the responsibility of the state to promote more efficient use of the state's construction resources, to foster the preservation of buildings of historical, architectural or cultural significance and to enhance the social and economic environment within and surrounding state buildings. State buildings are to reflect the highest standards of the environmental design arts **and sustainable operations** and are to contribute to the citizen's image of accessibility and responsiveness of government.

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