

SB 253

Oregon Industrial Site Readiness Assessment Program

Senate Bill 253 establishes the Oregon Industrial Site Readiness Assessment Program in the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD). This new program authorizes OBDD to establish two competitive grant programs. The first grant program, which receives 80% of the available funds, provides grants to public entities to perform due diligence assessments and to create detailed development plans for regionally significant industrial sites that are publically or privately owned. The second grant program, which receives 20% of available funds, provides funds to public entities to develop industrial land inventories and to prioritize sites for due diligence assessment and site preparation assistance.

The bill restricts OBDD to operating the Oregon Industrial Site Readiness Assessment Program solely with monies specifically designated for that purpose by the Legislative Assembly. Because the bill does not provide money for the new program, it will not become operational unless funding for it is authorized in another bill.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends Senate Bill 253 be amended and reported out do pass, as amended.

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Read
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Beyer

Revenue:

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure as Amended and be Printed B-Engrossed

Vote:

House

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc:

Senate

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc:

Prepared By: Steve Bender, Legislative Fiscal Office

Meeting Date: June 28, 2013

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes Oregon Industrial Site Readiness Assessment Program Fund and continuously appropriates moneys in the Fund to Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD). The bill also establishes the Oregon Industrial Site Readiness Assessment Program in OBDD. The new program authorizes the Department to establish two competitive grant programs. The first grant program, which receives 80% of the funds available to the Oregon Industrial Site Readiness Assessment Program, provides funds to public entities to perform due diligence assessments and to create detailed development plans for regionally significant industrial sites that are publically or privately owned. The second grant program, which receives 20% of available funds, provides funds to public entities to develop industrial land inventories and to prioritize sites for due diligence assessment and site preparation assistance.

Restricts OBDD to operating the Oregon Industrial Site Readiness Assessment Program solely with monies specifically designated for that purpose by the Legislative Assembly. Because the bill does not specifically provide or designate monies for the program, it will not become operational unless funding for it is authorized in another bill.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Availability of industrial lands
- Purposes of the bill
- Fiscal impact of the bill

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes language that would establish funding for the program, clarifies that the Oregon Business Development Department may only operate the program with monies specifically designated for that purpose by the Legislative Assembly, and removes the emergency clause.

BACKGROUND: Currently, there is a shortage of large sites available for industrial development in Oregon. Such sites are considered an integral part of efforts to expand and improve the state's economy and to attracting and retaining large employers to the state. SB 253 establishes a program that would provide funds, if funds are made available in another bill, to finance development plans for regionally significant industrial sites, and finance development of industrial site inventories.

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 253 - B

Seventy-Seventh Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2013 Regular Session
Legislative Fiscal Office

*Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed
Versions are Considered Official*

Prepared by: Krista McDowell
Reviewed by: Steve Bender
Date: 6/24/2013

Measure Description:

Requires Oregon Business Development Department to establish and administer Oregon Industrial Site Readiness Assessment Program providing grants to perform due diligence assessments of regionally significant industrial sites, to create detailed development plans to move sites to state of market-readiness and to conduct regional industrial land inventories.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Business Development Department (Business Oregon)

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

See Analysis

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis: The measure, as amended, has no fiscal impact. The bill establishes the Oregon Industrial Site Readiness Assessment Program Fund and directs the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) to establish and administer the Fund. The bill also establishes the Oregon Industrial Site Readiness Assessment Program in OBDD. The new program authorizes to Department to establish two competitive grant programs. The first grant program, which receives 80% of the funds available to the Oregon Industrial Site Readiness Assessment Program, provides funds to public entities to perform due diligence assessments and to create detailed development plans for regionally significant industrial sites that are publically or privately owned. The second grant program, which receives 20% of available funds, provides funds to public entities to develop industrial land inventories and to prioritize sites for due diligence assessment and site preparation assistance.

The bill, as amended, restricts OBDD to operating the Oregon Industrial Site Readiness Assessment Program solely from monies specifically designated for that purpose by the Legislative Assembly. Therefore, because the bill does not specifically provide or designate monies for the program, it will not operate unless funding is authorized for it in another bill.

Furthermore, if Senate Bill 246, which establishes the Oregon Industrial Site Readiness Program becomes law, OBDD will be able to also administer the Oregon Industrial Site Readiness Assessment Program without additional administrative cost.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
A-ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 253**

1 On page 1 of the printed A-engrossed bill, line 2, after “sites;” delete the
2 rest of the line and insert “and appropriating money.”.

3 On page 3, line 14, after “basis” delete the rest of the line and insert
4 “from funds that are available in the Oregon Industrial Site Readiness As-
5 sessment Program Fund established in section 4 of this 2013 Act, to:”.

6 On page 4, line 15, after “of” delete the rest of the line and insert “moneys
7 appropriated, allocated, deposited or transferred to the fund by the Legisla-
8 tive Assembly and interest earned on moneys in the fund.”.

9 In line 16, delete “and other moneys transferred to the fund.”.

10 Delete lines 24 through 26.

11 In line 27, delete “7” and insert “6”.

12 Delete lines 31 through 33.

13
