

# House Bill 3270

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## 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 Oregon Business Development Department to make grants to eligible applicants in rural areas for purchase and installation of teleconference equipment.

Creates Rural Area Teleconference Fund and continuously appropriates moneys in fund to department to make grants for teleconference equipment in rural areas.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to teleconference equipment in rural areas; and appropriating money.

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

3 **SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Business Development Department shall provide grants to**  
4 **eligible applicants for the purchase and installation of teleconference equipment in rural**  
5 **areas. The department shall adopt rules to implement the provisions of this section.**

6 **(2) Eligible applicants for grants under this section must, at a minimum:**

7 **(a) Be individuals, nonprofit organizations or small business entities located and doing**  
8 **business in a rural area in this state;**

9 **(b) Be in a rural area where residents have no other reasonable means of obtaining or**  
10 **utilizing teleconference equipment and services;**

11 **(c) Have secured a facility for installation of the teleconference equipment that is avail-**  
12 **able, without cost, to other residents of the rural area in need of teleconference equipment**  
13 **and services; and**

14 **(d) Enter into an agreement to assume full responsibility for installation and mainte-**  
15 **nance of the teleconference equipment, including but not limited to financial responsibility**  
16 **for repairs and replacements.**

17 **(3) Grants under this section may not exceed \$9,000 per rural area.**

18 **(4) For purposes of this section, "rural area" means any city in this state with a popu-**  
19 **lation of 1,000 people or less.**

20 **SECTION 2. (1) There is created within the State Treasury, separate and distinct from**  
21 **the General Fund, the Rural Area Teleconference Fund. Interest earned by the Rural Area**  
22 **Teleconference Fund shall be credited to the fund.**

23 **(2) Moneys in the Rural Area Teleconference Fund shall consist of:**

24 **(a) Moneys appropriated to the fund by the Legislative Assembly;**

25 **(b) Interest earned on moneys in the fund;**

26 **(c) Moneys transferred to the fund;**

27 **(d) Moneys from donations and gifts; and**

28 **(e) Other amounts deposited in the fund from any source.**

29 **(3) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Business Develop-**  
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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.

1 **ment Department to accomplish the purposes of section 1 of this 2013 Act.**

2 **(4) The department may use moneys in the fund to pay the administrative costs associ-**  
3 **ated with the fund and with making grants from the fund pursuant to section 1 of this 2013**  
4 **Act.**

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