

# B-Engrossed Senate Bill 253

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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.

Requires Oregon Business Development Department to establish and administer Oregon Industrial Site Readiness Assessment Program providing grants **from funds available in Oregon Industrial Site Readiness Assessment Program Fund** 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.

Establishes Oregon Industrial Site Readiness Assessment Program Fund **consisting of interest earned on moneys in fund and moneys appropriated, allocated, deposited or transferred to fund by Legislative Assembly**. Continuously appropriates moneys in fund to Oregon Business Development Department. [*Allocates moneys from Administrative Services Economic Development Fund to department.*]

Directs department to report to Legislative Assembly during 2015 regular session.  
[*Declares emergency, effective on passage.*]

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to development of large industrial sites; and appropriating money.

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

4 **SECTION 1. The Legislative Assembly finds that:**

5 (1) **A competitive supply of market-ready regionally significant industrial sites is critical**  
6 **to the expansion and recruitment of traded sector industries in this state.**

7 (2) **Traded sector industries are the foundation of state and regional economic develop-**  
8 **ment strategies for long-term prosperity and job creation.**

9 (3) **There is a shortage of market-ready regionally significant industrial sites in this state**  
10 **and limited financial tools and developers available to facilitate the development of regionally**  
11 **significant industrial sites in this state.**

12 (4) **Financial assistance is required to facilitate the determination of necessary actions,**  
13 **costs and development-related constraints involved in ensuring the availability of a compet-**  
14 **itive supply of market-ready regionally significant industrial sites suitable for industrial use**  
15 **and development in this state.**

16 **SECTION 2. As used in sections 1 to 4 of this 2013 Act:**

17 (1) **“Due diligence assessment” means an assessment of the actions, costs and time**  
18 **frames involved in bringing regionally significant industrial sites to market-ready status,**  
19 **including but not limited to wetland delineation, geotechnical investigation, environmental**  
20 **assessment and traffic analysis.**

21 (2) **“Economic development district” means one of the following:**

**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 (a) The Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Economic Development Corporation,  
2 serving tribal members of the Burns-Paiute Tribe, the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower  
3 Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, the Confederated  
4 Tribes of Siletz Indians, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the  
5 Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, the Coquille Indian Tribe,  
6 the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians and the Klamath Tribes.

7 (b) The Cascades West Economic Development District, serving Benton, Lane, Lincoln  
8 and Linn Counties.

9 (c) The Columbia-Pacific Economic Development District, serving Clatsop, Columbia and  
10 Tillamook Counties and western Washington County.

11 (d) The CCD Business Development Corporation, serving Coos, Curry and Douglas Coun-  
12 ties.

13 (e) The Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation, serving Gilliam, Grant,  
14 Morrow, Umatilla, Wheeler, Harney and Malheur Counties.

15 (f) The Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council, serving Crook, Deschutes and  
16 Jefferson Counties.

17 (g) The Mid-Columbia Economic Development District, serving Hood River, Wasco and  
18 Sherman Counties.

19 (h) The Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments, serving Marion, Polk and Yamhill  
20 Counties.

21 (i) The South Central Oregon Economic Development District, serving Lake and Klamath  
22 Counties.

23 (j) The Northeast Oregon Economic Development District serving Baker, Union and  
24 Wallowa Counties.

25 (k) Southern Oregon Regional Economic Development, Inc., serving Jackson and  
26 Josephine Counties.

27 (L) Greater Portland, Inc.—Portland-Vancouver Economic Development District, serving  
28 Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington Counties.

29 (3) “Industrial use” means employment activities, including but not limited to manufac-  
30 turing, assembly, fabrication, processing, storage, logistics, warehousing, importation, dis-  
31 tribution, transshipment and research and development, that generate income from the  
32 production, handling or distribution of goods or services, including goods or services in the  
33 traded sector.

34 (4) “Local government” has the meaning given that term in ORS 197.015.

35 (5) “Market-ready” means that a regionally significant industrial site has been issued all  
36 appropriate and necessary building permits.

37 (6) “Region” means an economic development district, a port district as defined in ORS  
38 285A.666 or an area within the jurisdiction of a local government.

39 (7) “Regional industrial land inventory” means an inventory of regionally significant in-  
40 dustrial sites in a region that identifies development-related constraints and opportunities  
41 to develop regionally significant industrial sites and that rates the sites based on market-  
42 ready status.

43 (8) “Regionally significant industrial site” means an area planned and zoned for industrial  
44 use that:

45 (a)(A) Contains a site or sites, including brownfields, that are suitable for the location

1 of new industrial uses or the expansion of existing industrial uses and that can provide sig-  
2 nificant additional employment in the region;

3 (B) Has site characteristics that give the area significant competitive advantages that  
4 are difficult or impossible to replicate in the region; and

5 (C) Has superior access to transportation and freight infrastructure, including but not  
6 limited to rail, port, airport, multimodal freight or transshipment facilities and other major  
7 transportation facilities or routes; or

8 (b) Is land designated by Metro, as defined in ORS 197.015, as a regionally significant in-  
9 dustrial area.

10 (9) "Willing property owner" means a public or private property owner that is committed  
11 to bringing a regionally significant industrial site to a state of market-readiness and pursuing  
12 development of the site for industrial use.

13 **SECTION 3.** (1) The Oregon Business Development Department shall establish and ad-  
14 minister the Oregon Industrial Site Readiness Assessment Program. The purpose of the  
15 program is to provide grants on a competitive basis from funds that are available in the  
16 Oregon Industrial Site Readiness Assessment Program Fund established in section 4 of this  
17 2013 Act, to:

18 (a) Public owners of regionally significant industrial sites or public entities that have  
19 entered into development agreements or other agreements with private owners with respect  
20 to regionally significant industrial sites, to perform due diligence assessments, define  
21 development-related constraints and create detailed development plans to move the site to-  
22 ward a state of market-readiness; and

23 (b) Public owners of regionally significant industrial sites or public entities that have  
24 entered into development agreements or other agreements with private owners with respect  
25 to regionally significant industrial sites, acting on behalf of regions for the purposes of per-  
26 forming regional industrial land inventories and prioritizing sites for due diligence assess-  
27 ment and site preparation assistance.

28 (2) In each fiscal year of a biennium:

29 (a) Eighty percent of all moneys available for making grants under this section is re-  
30 served for grants to be made pursuant to subsection (1)(a) of this section; and

31 (b) Twenty percent of all moneys available for making grants under this section is re-  
32 served for grants to be made pursuant to subsection (1)(b) of this section.

33 (3) The department may prioritize grants to be made under this section based on estab-  
34 lished targets for regional allocations.

35 (4) Public owners of regionally significant industrial sites or public entities that have  
36 entered into development agreements or other agreements with private owners with respect  
37 to regionally significant industrial sites may apply to participate in the program by submit-  
38 ting an application in writing in a form prescribed by the department by rule.

39 (5) The department shall establish by rule criteria and standards for successful applicants  
40 under the program. At a minimum, the applicant must demonstrate that:

41 (a) For grants made under subsection (1)(a) of this section:

42 (A) The applicant has obtained a willing property owner;

43 (B) The applicant has received the support of the region in which the regionally signif-  
44 icant industrial site is located, or the regionally significant industrial site is located in an  
45 area that has been designated a regionally significant industrial area as defined in ORS

1 **197.722;**

2 (C) The regionally significant industrial site is not currently market-ready and has not  
3 been certified by the department as ready for development within six months or less as of  
4 the date on which the application is submitted; and

5 (D) The applicant can provide matching funds in an amount to be determined by the de-  
6 partment.

7 (b) For grants made under subsection (1)(b) of this section:

8 (A) The applicant is committed and has the ability to perform regional industrial land  
9 inventories for a specific region;

10 (B) The applicant is committed and has the ability to prioritize regionally significant in-  
11 dustrial sites in a region for due diligence assessment and site preparation funding; and

12 (C) The applicant can provide matching funds in an amount to be determined by the de-  
13 partment.

14 (6) Grants made under subsection (1)(a) of this section may not exceed \$100,000 per site.  
15 Grants made under subsection (1)(b) of this section may not exceed \$50,000 per region.

16 **SECTION 4.** The Oregon Industrial Site Readiness Assessment Program Fund is estab-  
17 lished in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. The Oregon In-  
18 dustrial Site Readiness Assessment Program Fund consists of moneys appropriated,  
19 allocated, deposited or transferred to the fund by the Legislative Assembly and interest  
20 earned on moneys in the fund. Amounts in the fund are continuously appropriated to the  
21 Oregon Business Development Department for the purposes of making grants under section  
22 3 of this 2013 Act and to implement and administer sections 1 to 4 of this 2013 Act. Interest  
23 earned on the fund shall be deposited into the fund.

24 **SECTION 5.** The Legislative Assembly finds that the implementation and administration  
25 of the Oregon Industrial Site Readiness Assessment Program under sections 1 to 4 of this  
26 2013 Act will further economic development by facilitating the development of regionally  
27 significant industrial sites that are market-ready in this state.

28 **SECTION 6.** The Oregon Business Development Department shall report on the Oregon  
29 Industrial Site Readiness Assessment Program to the committees of the Seventy-eighth  
30 Legislative Assembly with authority over the subject area of economic development during  
31 the 2015 regular session.

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