

Oregonians Agree:

Protecting Oregon's Natural Legacy and Addressing Climate Change are *Statewide* Values

In a comprehensive, statewide survey conducted in April and May this year, the Oregon Values and Beliefs Project found the following:

On climate change...

Nearly six in 10 Oregonians (57%) agree (strongly or somewhat) that there should be stronger government policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions compared to 22% who disagree and 19% who take a neutral position.

Choosing between two statements, seven in 10 Oregonians (72%) agree more that climate change requires us to change our way of life such as driving less or living simply, while two in 10 (21%) agree more that if climate change becomes a problem we can deal with it later. This result was consistent across all five geographic regions, with Portland's metro counties going over 4:1 in favor of statement "A" and Eastern Oregon lowest but still higher than 2:1.

On land use...

Oregonians opposed the statement "*Revamp land use laws to permit more development*" by a 2:1 ratio, with strong feelings running 3:1 and 22% neutral.

Two-thirds of Oregonians (66%) consider protection of productive farm and forest land from development very or somewhat important.

On public spending...

From a list of twenty different public services with clear implications for taxation, 74% of all Oregonians believe protection of water and air quality is very important or somewhat important, with 44% who believe it is very important. Only K-12 education services and public safety rank higher.

Nearly six in ten Oregonians (56%) feel that increasing investments in public transportation is desirable. Desirable was a more frequent response than undesirable on this statement across all five geographic regions.

On why people love Oregon...

When asked qualitatively what they value about Oregon (as an open response in their own words), fully 78% of the responses include environmentally positive terms, 17% refer to the friendliness of the people and Oregon's climate, and 5% touch broadly on other topics.

On the false choice between the environment and the economy...

Given two statements, six in 10 (57%) residents agree more with the view that protection of the environment should be given more priority even at the risk of slowing economic growth, compared to a third (35%) who agree more that economic growth should be given priority even if the environment suffers to some extent.

Two thirds (67%) of all Oregonians agree (strongly or somewhat) that stronger regulations are needed to make a polluter pay for the costs to the larger public

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**2013-2015 DLCD TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT
SUMMARY**

APPLICANT	PROJECT	REQUESTED	APPROVED
APPROVED			
Amity	Amity Economic Opportunities Analysis	\$11,800	\$11,800
Arlington	2014 Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance update	\$14,000	\$14,000
Canyonville	City of Canyonville Water Master Plan	\$50,000	\$40,000
Coos Bay	Community Development Code Review and Partial Rewrite	\$20,000	\$20,000
Coos County	Coos County Land Development Ordinance and Coos County	\$14,321	\$12,000
Hines	Document Digitalization and Update	\$2,000	\$2,000
Hood River	Buildable Lands Inventory and Housing Analysis	\$30,000	\$30,000
Lane County	Goshen Sewer Feasibility Study	\$50,000	\$20,000
LCOG	Integrating the Retooling of the ORWAP in the Land Use Planning	\$56,500	\$56,500
Mid-WVCOG	Cities of Donald and Gervais update to the Housing and Economic	\$70,000	\$70,000
Port of The Dalles	Local Wetland Planning Inventory	\$10,000	\$10,000
Sutherlin	Goal 9: Economic Prosperity Initiative	\$85,000	\$40,000
Tigard	Public Infrastructure Finance Plan & Partnership	\$58,000	\$35,000
Tillamook County	Land Use Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan modernization	\$30,000	\$30,000
Umatilla County	Highway 395 Corridor Economic Revitalization Toolbox Scoping	\$50,000	\$25,000
West Linn	West Linn Economic Opportunities Analysis Goal 9 Compliance	\$35,000	\$35,000
Wheeler County	Goals 3 & 9 - Comprehensive Plan Update	\$5,000	\$5,000
PROJECT AND GRANTEE MODIFIED			
Lake County	Regional Approach to Resource Zoning	\$150,000	\$80,000
		TOTAL	\$536,300
DENIED			
Banks	City of Banks Downtown Revitalization Design Project	\$25,330	
Beaverton	Beaverton Economic Opportunities Analysis	\$35,000	
Beaverton	Housing Market Supply and Demand Study	\$75,000	
Beaverton	Beaverton Tomorrow Public Engagement and Outreach	\$134,000	
Benton County	Rural Unincorporated Community Plans for Blodgett, Summit, and	\$10,000	
Canby	Best Practices Model for Streamlined Development Review	\$40,000	
Coburg	Update Commercial & Subdivision Design Standards & Procedures	\$19,500	
Corvallis	Analysis of Housing Needs and Economic Opportunities	\$50,000	
Curry County	Update and Streamline of the Land Use Approval Process in Curry	\$30,000	
Depoe Bay	Depoe Bay Harbor Renaissance	\$30,082	
Douglas County	Alignment of Assessor & Zoning GIS Layers	\$10,000	
Douglas County	Population Element Update	\$34,400	
Estacada	Public Facilities Plan Update	\$40,000	
Harrisburg	Harrisburg Zoning Ordinance Update	\$25,240	
Josephine County	Josephine County Rural Land Development Code Update	\$17,000	
Keizer	UGB Expansion Impacts to Transportation and Economic	\$90,000	
Metolius	City of Metolius Comprehensive Plan Update 2013-2015	\$23,500	
Mid-WVCOG	Streamlining Local Land Use Processing	\$20,000	
Molalla	Molalla Development Code Update and Rewrite	\$40,000	

Phoenix	Economic Development Opportunities Analysis and Buildable Lands	\$35,000	
Redmond	City of Redmond Economic Opportunities Analysis	\$25,000	
Salem	Economic Opportunities and Housing Needs Analyses	\$40,000	
Sherman County	Sherman County Comprehensive Plan/Zoning Ordinance of 2013-15	\$15,000	
Washington County	Washington County Agritourism Plan	\$60,000	
Wood Village	Wood Village Town Center; Infusing Vitality	\$68,500	

\$1,734,173

Agency Report

Item 20: Office of the Governor and Oregon Business Development Department

Regional Solutions Program

Analyst: Steve Bender

Request: Acknowledge receipt of a report on a request for a bill introduction to establish a Regional Solutions program in statute.

Recommendation: Acknowledge receipt of the report.

Analysis: The Governor's Office and the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) have submitted a report that was requested in a budget note approved in the 2013 legislative session with HB 5008. The budget note requested a report on elements to be included in a bill that would establish a Regional Solutions program in statute.

The 2013-15 Governor's recommended budget included \$50 million of lottery bond proceeds for projects and initiatives developed through the Oregon Solutions Network framework. The legislatively adopted budget authorizes \$10 million of lottery bonds to be issued in the spring of 2015 for projects identified by Regional Solutions Advisory Committees, but currently limits expenditures on those projects to \$1. The Joint Committee on Ways and Means adopted a budget note with passage of HB 5008 requiring submission of a report outlining the provisions of a bill that should be introduced, for consideration during the 2014 legislative session, to establish the Regional Solutions program, prior to any increase of the expenditure limitation.

The report requests introduction of a bill that generally continues structures and processes already in place. The Governor established the Oregon Solutions Network by Executive Order No. 11-12 on December 16, 2011. The Regional Solutions framework, included in the Network established by that executive order, utilizes a collaborative approach to community and economic development that involves state agencies, local governments, and public, private, and civic interests working together to identify priorities for local development, and project proposals that reflect those priorities. A Regional Solutions Center, with a physical location that houses a Regional Solutions Advisory Committee, has been established in each of the eleven federal Economic Development Administration districts in the state.

Each Regional Solutions Advisory Committee includes an Executive Committee appointed by the Governor. Executive Committees include one representative recommended by the Association of Oregon Counties, one representative recommended by the League of Oregon Cities, one business representative, one foundation representative, and a Convener. The Executive Committee members serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Advisory Committee may include additional members, and is supported by a Regional Solutions Team composed of representatives from the state Departments of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), Transportation (ODOT), Housing and Community Services (OHCS), and Business Development (OBDD).

Regional Solutions project proposals would be developed by the individual Regional Solutions Teams and Advisory Committees. Projects are required to have a public entity sponsor, who is charged with managing the project. The Infrastructure Finance Authority in OBDD would serve as the primary state agency to execute funding contracts with the identified public entity sponsors. Additionally, the Governor appoints an Oregon Solutions Steering Committee. The Steering Committee would be able to review projects proposed by Regional Solutions Advisory Committees. The Governor would be required to include the priority and endorsed projects of each region in the Governor's recommended budget.

The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) recommends acknowledging receipt of the report. LFO notes that Legislative Counsel may need additional details to draft a bill for legislative consideration. These include details on membership of the Oregon Solutions Steering Committee and Regional Solutions Advisory Committees, including qualifications for membership, appointment and removal of committee members, and terms of membership. The bill will also need to define the authorities and hierarchies of the various bodies established in the bill, the types of projects that are eligible for approval, and the approval process for project proposals.

LFO has the following specific recommendations to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means regarding the budget provisions of any proposed legislation:

- The Regional Infrastructure Fund was established in 2013 by the Legislature as a separate fund, continuously appropriated to OBDD, to contain state monies approved by the Legislature to support Regional Solutions projects, and OBDD was authorized to distribute monies in the fund for legislatively established purposes. The report requests that other agencies be allowed to distribute monies from this Fund as well. This may not be workable as requested, and the Committee should consider alternative processes to allow proper project management.
- The legislation should specify OBDD (and any other agency) fiduciary oversight and management responsibilities for state funds distributed through the program.
- The legislation should clarify legislative expectations relating to the presentation of funding requests, including whether specific approved projects are to be specified in a request for Regional Solutions project funding, or whether funding is to be provided on a prospective basis prior to the specification of projects.
- The Committee should review the request in the report that the bill authorize that the project identification process and the submittal for funding process should be established by administrative rule, instead of alternatively defining these processes directly in statute.
- LFO would advise against establishing a requirement for the Governor to include funding for the priority and endorsed projects of each region in the Governor's recommended budget. Such a requirement would impose undesirable restrictions on a Governor's latitude to develop budget recommendations. Under current law, Governors may choose to either include or exclude any such projects as their prerogative.

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