

House Bill 4015

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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**.

Requires state agencies to consider certain factors and prioritize funding of projects that affect regional community and economic development and to collaborate with Regional Solutions Program to integrate state investments, services and resources.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to state agency alignment with regional community and economic development priorities.

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

4 **SECTION 1. As used in sections 1 to 3 of this 2014 Act:**

5 (1) "Community and economic development" means development that:

6 (a) Relates to, supports and promotes the policies and objectives of the Regional Sol-
7 utions Program established under section 3 of this 2014 Act;

8 (b) Promotes, expands or prevents the decline of local, regional and statewide industries
9 and businesses located or to be located in Oregon;

10 (c) Creates jobs or prevents the loss of jobs in Oregon; and

11 (d) Improves the economy in Oregon.

12 (2) "Grant or loan program" means any program or other type of undertaking that a
13 state agency has been authorized by the Legislative Assembly to establish, implement and
14 fund and that has as one or more of its purposes community and economic development in
15 a region, or that will affect community and economic development in a region of this state.

16 (3) "Local government" means a city, county, authority or entity organized under state
17 statute or city or county charter.

18 (4) "Region" means an economic development district in Oregon, created by the Eco-
19 nomic Development Administration of the United States Department of Commerce, for which
20 a regional solutions center has been established under section 3 of this 2014 Act.

21 (5) "State agency" means an officer, board, commission, department, division, institution,
22 branch or agency in the executive or administrative branch of state government.

23 **SECTION 2. (1) In making a decision to award moneys to fund projects undertaken in**
24 **connection with a grant or loan program for which the state agency would be responsible, a**
25 **state agency shall consider and prioritize funding decisions based upon whether the project**
26 **will:**

27 (a) Include and implement priorities that are similar to and will facilitate meeting re-
28 gional priorities for community and economic development established by regional solutions
29 advisory committees described in section 3 of this 2014 Act.

30 (b) Use regional and community-based problem solving.

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 (c) Support regional and community-based means of integrating state and local resources
2 and services.

3 (d) Create jobs in relation to the economy and population of the region directly impacted
4 by the project.

5 (e) Involve investment of capital in relation to the economy and population of the region
6 directly impacted by the project.

7 (f) Have community support, as indicated by the support of the governing body of the
8 local government.

9 (g) Have obtained appropriate land use and environmental reviews and authorizations
10 prior to utilization of funds.

11 (2) State agencies responsible for grant or loan programs shall collaborate with the Re-
12 gional Solutions Program and regional solutions centers, teams and advisory committees
13 described in section 3 of this 2014 Act to integrate state investments, services and resources
14 on a regional basis and to align the priorities and purposes to promote community and eco-
15 nomic development throughout this state.

16 **SECTION 3.** (1) The Regional Solutions Program is established within the office of the
17 Governor, in collaboration with state agencies, consisting of regional solutions centers de-
18 scribed in subsection (2) of this section, regional solutions teams described in subsection (3)
19 of this section and regional solutions advisory committees described in subsection (4) of this
20 section. The program shall work with state agencies, local governments, public and private
21 entities, philanthropic organizations and academic institutions, as appropriate, to develop
22 and carry out regional implementation projects, identify regional priorities for community
23 and economic development, address issues and seize opportunities. The program shall inte-
24 grate the work of state agencies and local governments with available funding to ensure that
25 regional implementation projects are completed in the most economical and streamlined
26 manner possible.

27 (2) The Regional Solutions Program includes regional solutions centers located through-
28 out this state. The centers provide a physical location for, and serve as the primary place
29 for the business and operations of, the regional solutions teams and the regional solutions
30 advisory committees.

31 (3)(a) Each regional solutions center shall include a regional solutions team consisting
32 of the regional solutions coordinator and staff. Staff may include, but is not limited to, em-
33 ployees and representatives of the following state agencies:

34 (A) The Department of Environmental Quality;

35 (B) The Department of Land Conservation and Development;

36 (C) The Department of Transportation;

37 (D) The Housing and Community Services Department;

38 (E) The Oregon Business Development Department; and

39 (F) Other state agencies identified by the regional solutions coordinator and the regional
40 solutions advisory committee.

41 (b) Regional solutions teams shall operate in conjunction and consultation with regional
42 solutions advisory committees.

43 (c) Regional solutions teams shall address community and economic development by
44 working to address regional issues, priorities and opportunities and leveraging funding op-
45 portunities for sound and long-term economic growth.

1 **(d) The state agency or public entity employing or designating staff in each regional sol-**
2 **utions team is responsible, together with the office of the Governor, for the supervision,**
3 **compensation and control of the staff person.**

4 **(e) Regional solutions teams shall review and evaluate regional implementation project**
5 **proposals submitted in consultation with regional solutions advisory committees.**

6 **(4)(a) A regional solutions advisory committee shall be appointed for each region. Each**
7 **committee shall consist of a minimum of five members appointed by the Governor, and**
8 **serving at the pleasure of the Governor, as follows:**

9 **(A) One local convenor who represents the region, who shall serve as chairperson of the**
10 **committee;**

11 **(B) One representative recommended by the executive body of the Association of Oregon**
12 **Counties;**

13 **(C) One representative recommended by the executive body of the League of Oregon**
14 **Cities;**

15 **(D) One person who represents local and regional business and industry interests; and**

16 **(E) One person who represents philanthropic organizations.**

17 **(b) Regional solutions advisory committees shall:**

18 **(A) Establish regional priorities for community and economic development in the region;**

19 **(B) Assist regional solutions coordinators and regional solutions teams with obtaining,**
20 **and connecting to, resources and funding; and**

21 **(C) Consider, review and recommend regional implementation project proposals.**

22 **(c) Members of the regional solutions advisory committees are not entitled to compen-**
23 **sation for the performance of official duties and responsibilities.**

24 **(d) The regional solutions coordinators and regional solutions teams shall provide staff**
25 **to the regional solutions advisory committees as necessary to allow the committees to carry**
26 **out the provisions of paragraph (b) of this subsection.**

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