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House Bill 2437

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CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to traded sector industry development activities by the Oregon Business Development Department; amending ORS 285B.286; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 285B.286, as amended by section 1, chapter 3, Oregon Laws 2014, is amended to read:

285B.286. For traded sector industries, the Oregon Business Development Department shall undertake entrepreneurial and industry development activities that may include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

- (1) Focus groups and other meetings and related studies to identify traded sector industry members and issues of common concern within an industry.
- (2) State technical and financial support for formation of industry associations, publication of association directories and related efforts to create or expand the activities of industry associations.
- (3) Helping establish research consortia as well as partnering with universities and other research institutions to assist in the retention and recruitment of targeted industries.
- (4) Joint training and education programs and curricula related to the specific needs of traded sector industries.
- (5) Cooperative market and entrepreneurial development activities.
- (6) Analysis of the need, feasibility and cost for establishing product certification and testing facilities and services.
- (7) State technical and financial support to facilitate certification of sites as ready for development for traded sector industry. The support may include performing site assessments to determine the costs associated with development of individual sites.
- (8) Assistance to traded sector and cluster affiliated Oregon businesses and consortia in making investments that advance entrepreneurial and industry-related development activities or other identified competitiveness objectives of existing Oregon cluster businesses.
- (9) Assistance and support that promote regional economic development strategies fostering entrepreneurship and the development of targeted industry clusters in rural communities.
- (10) **Subject to applicable policies and procedures, entering into agreements for grants or other assistance, including but not limited to direct purchase of goods or services related to entrepreneurial and industry development.**

SECTION 2. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.

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Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

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