

Senate Bill 201

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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**.

Creates, as part of Regional Solutions Program, natural resources alignment coordinators in office of the Governor. Assigns duties of alignment coordinators.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the Regional Solutions Program; amending section 3, chapter 82, Oregon Laws 2014; and
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 3, chapter 82, Oregon Laws 2014, is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 3.** (1) The Regional Solutions Program is established within the office of the Governor, in
7 collaboration with state agencies, consisting of regional solutions centers described in subsection (2)
8 of this section, regional solutions teams described in subsection (3) of this section, [*and*] regional
9 solutions advisory committees described in subsection (4) of this section **and the natural resources**
10 **alignment coordinators described in subsection (5) of this section.** The program shall work with
11 state agencies, local governments, public and private entities, philanthropic organizations and aca-
12 demic institutions, as appropriate, to develop and coordinate regional implementation projects,
13 identify regional priorities for community and economic development, address issues and seize op-
14 portunities.

15 (2) The Regional Solutions Program includes regional solutions centers located throughout this
16 state. The centers provide a physical location for, and serve as the primary place for the business
17 and operations of, the regional solutions teams and the regional solutions advisory committees.

18 (3)(a) Each regional solutions team shall include a regional solutions coordinator and staff. Staff
19 may include, but is not limited to, employees and representatives of the following state agencies:

20 (A) The Department of Environmental Quality;

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

22 (C) The Department of Transportation;

23 (D) The Housing and Community Services Department;

24 (E) The Oregon Business Development Department; and

25 (F) Other state agencies identified by the regional solutions coordinator and the regional sol-
26 utions advisory committee to participate as necessary.

27 (b) Regional solutions teams shall operate in conjunction and consultation with regional sol-
28 utions advisory committees.

29 (c) Regional solutions teams shall address community and economic development by working to
30 address regional issues, priorities and opportunities and leveraging funding opportunities for sound

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 and long-term economic growth.

2 (d) The directors and staff of the state agencies listed in paragraph (a) of this subsection and
3 natural resource agencies shall work with regional solutions coordinators and regional solutions
4 teams to fulfill regional priorities, in coordination with the office of the Governor.

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

7 (f) In considering, reviewing or undertaking regional implementation project proposals or
8 projects that involve significant environmental issues, regional solutions coordinators shall convene
9 all affected stakeholders with the assistance of the Oregon Consensus Program established within
10 the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government for the purpose of providing alternative dispute resolu-
11 tion services to seek to resolve disputed issues, if any.

12 (4)(a) A regional solutions advisory committee shall be appointed for each region. Each com-
13 mittee shall consist of a minimum of five members appointed by the Governor, and serving at the
14 pleasure of the Governor, as follows:

15 (A) One local convenor who represents the region, who shall serve as chairperson of the com-
16 mittee;

17 (B) One representative recommended by the executive body of the Association of Oregon Coun-
18 ties;

19 (C) One representative recommended by the executive body of the League of Oregon Cities;

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

21 (E) One person who represents philanthropic organizations.

22 (b) Regional solutions advisory committees shall:

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

24 (B) Assist regional solutions coordinators and regional solutions teams with obtaining, and
25 connecting to, resources and funding; and

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

27 (c) In considering, reviewing and recommending regional implementation project proposals under
28 this subsection, regional solutions advisory committees shall consider whether the project proposal
29 seeks to address the state's economically, socially and environmentally sustainable goals and objec-
30 tives described in ORS 184.423.

31 (d) Members of the regional solutions advisory committees are not entitled to compensation for
32 the performance of official duties and responsibilities.

33 (e) The regional solutions coordinators and regional solutions teams shall provide staff to the
34 regional solutions advisory committees as necessary to allow the committees to carry out the pro-
35 visions of paragraph (b) of this subsection.

36 **(5) The Governor shall appoint one or more persons to serve as natural resources align-
37 ment coordinators for natural resource agencies. The alignment coordinators are responsible
38 for working with the regional solutions teams, natural resource agencies and the Governor
39 to:**

40 **(a) Improve the manner in which state agencies make regulatory decisions, particularly
41 in regard to complex projects of regional or statewide importance; and**

42 **(b) Assist state agencies and regional solutions teams in addressing high-priority projects
43 that have multiple public benefits, including benefits to the environment.**

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

1 **on its passage.**

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