

Senate Bill 515

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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 provision of method for users to offer suggestions on form and content of Oregon transparency website.

Requires posting of economic development information related to Oregon Product Investment Fund, qualified research tax credits, Beginning and Expanding Farmer Loan Program, Oregon Innovation Council and strategic investment program. Requires posting of annual reports regarding certain tax expenditures.

Requires posting of description of process for requesting public records from public bodies.

Allows local governments to post notices of public meetings.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the Oregon transparency website; amending ORS 184.483 and 184.484.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 184.483 is amended to read:

5 184.483. (1) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall develop and make available
6 an Oregon transparency website. The website shall allow any person to view information that is a
7 public record and not exempt from disclosure under ORS 192.410 to 192.505, including but not lim-
8 ited to information described in subsection (3) of this section. **The department shall provide on**
9 **the home page of the website a method for users to offer suggestions regarding the form or**
10 **content of the website.**

11 (2) State agencies and education service districts, to the extent practicable and subject to laws
12 relating to confidentiality, when at no additional cost, using existing data and existing resources of
13 the state agency or education service district and without reallocation of resources, shall:

14 (a) Furnish information to the Oregon transparency website by posting reports and providing
15 links to existing information system applications in accordance with standards established by the
16 Oregon Department of Administrative Services; and

17 (b) Provide the information in the format and manner required by the Oregon Department of
18 Administrative Services.

19 (3) To the extent practicable and subject to laws relating to confidentiality, when at no addi-
20 tional cost, using existing data and existing resources of the state agency or education service dis-
21 trict and without reallocation of resources, the Oregon transparency website shall contain
22 information about each state agency and education service district, including but not limited to:

23 (a) Annual revenues of state agencies and education service districts;

24 (b) Annual expenditures of state agencies and education service districts;

25 (c) Annual human resources expenses, including compensation, of state agencies and education
26 service districts;

27 (d) Annual tax expenditures of state agencies, including, when possible, the identity of the re-

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 cipients of each tax expenditure;

2 (e) For each state agency, a description of the percentage of expenditures made in this state and
3 the percentage of expenditures made outside this state under all contracts for goods or services
4 entered into by the state agency during each biennium;

5 (f) A prominently placed graphic representation of the primary funding categories and approxi-
6 mate number of individuals served by the state agency or the education service district;

7 (g) A description of the mission, function and program categories of the state agency or educa-
8 tion service district;

9 (h) Information about the state agency from the Oregon Progress Board;

10 (i) A copy of any audit report issued by the Secretary of State for the state agency or of any
11 audit reports issued for the education service district;

12 (j) The local service plans of the education service districts;

13 (k) A copy of each report required by statute for education service districts; and

14 (L) A copy of all notices of public meetings of the education service districts.

15 (4) In addition to the information described in subsection (3) of this section:

16 (a) The department shall post on the Oregon transparency website notices of public meetings
17 required to be provided by the state agency under ORS 192.640. If the state agency maintains a
18 website where minutes or summaries of the public meetings are available, the state agency shall
19 provide the department with the link to that website for posting on the Oregon transparency
20 website.

21 (b) The department shall post on the Oregon transparency website a link for the website main-
22 tained by the Secretary of State for rules adopted by the state agency. If the state agency maintains
23 a website where the rules of the agency are posted, or where any information relating to the rules
24 of the agency is posted, the state agency shall provide the department with the link to that website
25 for posting on the Oregon transparency website.

26 (c) The department shall provide links on the Oregon transparency website for information re-
27 ceived by the department regarding contracts and subcontracts entered into by a state agency or
28 education service district, to the extent disclosure of that information is allowed by law and the
29 information is already available on websites maintained by the state agency or education service
30 district. To the extent available, the information linked to under this section must include:

31 (A) Information on professional, personal and material contracts;

32 (B) The date of each contract and the amount payable under the contract;

33 (C) The period during which the contract is or was in effect; and

34 (D) The names and addresses of vendors.

35 **(d) The department shall provide an economic development section on the Oregon**
36 **transparency website for posting of information submitted to the department by state agen-**
37 **cies responsible for administering specific economic development programs. The section shall**
38 **include, but not be limited to, the following information, if it is already collected or available**
39 **within an existing database maintained by the state agency in the course of administering**
40 **the economic development program:**

41 **(A) The names of filmmakers or companies that have received reimbursements from the**
42 **Oregon Production Investment Fund under ORS 284.368 and the amount of each reimburse-**
43 **ment;**

44 **(B) The names of taxpayers who claimed a credit against taxes for qualified research**
45 **expenses under ORS 317.152 or 317.154 and the amount of the credit;**

1 **(C) The amount of revenue bonds issued under ORS 285A.430 for the Beginning and Ex-**
2 **anding Farmer Loan Program, the names of persons who received loans under the program**
3 **and the amount of the loan;**

4 **(D) The names of persons who received grants or loans from the Oregon Innovation**
5 **Council under ORS 284.735 or 284.742 and the purpose and amount of the grant or loan;**

6 **(E) Copies of, or links to, annual reports required to be filed under ORS 285C.615 under**
7 **the strategic investment program;**

8 **(F) Copies of, or links to, annual certifications required to be filed under ORS 285C.506**
9 **for the business development income tax exemption; and**

10 **(G) Information required to be posted on the Oregon transparency website under ORS**
11 **184.484.**

12 **(e) The information reported under paragraph (d) of this subsection:**

13 **(A) May not include proprietary information; and**

14 **(B) Shall be provided to the department by the state agency in the format and manner**
15 **required by the department.**

16 **(f) The department shall post on the Oregon transparency website information describing**
17 **the process for requesting copies of public records from a public body, including a link to the**
18 **public records section of the Department of Justice webpage. At the request of a state**
19 **agency or education service district, the department shall include a link to a location on the**
20 **webpage of the agency or district that describes the process for requesting public records**
21 **from the agency or district.**

22 (5) In creating, operating, refining and recommending enhancements to the Oregon transparency
23 website, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services and the Transparency Oregon Advisory
24 Commission created in ORS 184.486 shall consider and, to the extent practicable, adhere to the fol-
25 lowing principles:

26 (a) The website must be accessible without cost and be easy to use;

27 (b) Information included on the Oregon transparency website must be presented using plain,
28 easily understandable language; and

29 (c) The website should teach users about how state government and education service districts
30 work and provide users with the opportunity to learn something about how state government and
31 education service districts raise and spend revenue.

32 (6) If a state agency or an education service district is not able to include information described
33 in this section on the Oregon transparency website because of the lack of availability of information
34 or cost in acquiring it, the Transparency Oregon Advisory Commission created in ORS 184.486 shall
35 list the information that is not included for that state agency or education service district in the
36 commission's report to the Legislative Assembly required under ORS 184.486.

37 (7)(a) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall include on the Oregon trans-
38 parency website a page that provides links to websites established by local governments, as defined
39 in ORS 174.116, and by special government bodies, as defined in ORS 174.117, for the purpose of
40 providing transparency in the revenues, expenditures and budgets of the public bodies.

41 (b) The department shall include a link to the website of the public body upon receiving a re-
42 quest from the public body, and shall consider recommendations from the Transparency Oregon
43 Advisory Commission for the inclusion of other links to local and special government body websites.

44 (c) **At the request of any local government as defined in ORS 174.116, or a special gov-**
45 **ernment body as defined in ORS 174.117, the department shall include on the Oregon trans-**

1 **parency website notices of public meetings required to be provided under ORS 192.640 by the**
2 **local government or special government body. The local government or special government**
3 **body must submit public meeting notice information in the format and manner required by**
4 **the department.**

5 (d) The department shall include a prominent link on the home page of the Oregon transparency
6 website for information posted to the page described in this subsection.

7 **SECTION 2.** ORS 184.484 is amended to read:

8 184.484. (1) For each statute authorizing a tax expenditure that has a purpose connected to
9 economic development and is listed in subsection (2) of this section, the state agency charged with
10 certifying or otherwise administering the tax expenditure shall submit a report to the Oregon De-
11 partment of Administrative Services. If no agency is authorized by statute, or if the statute does not
12 provide for certification or administration of the tax expenditure, the Department of Revenue shall
13 submit the report.

14 (2) This section applies to:

15 (a) ORS 285C.175, 285C.309, 285C.362, 307.123, 307.455, 307.462, 315.141, 315.331, 315.336, 315.341,
16 315.507, 315.514, 315.533, 316.698, 316.778, 317.124, 317.391 and 317.394.

17 (b) Grants awarded under ORS 469B.256 in any tax year in which certified renewable energy
18 contributions are received as provided in ORS 315.326.

19 (c) ORS 315.354 except as applicable in ORS 469B.145 (2)(a)(L) or (N).

20 (d) ORS 316.116, if the allowed credit exceeds \$2,000.

21 (3) The following information, if it is already available in an existing database maintained by the
22 agency, must be included in the report required under this section:

23 (a) The name of each taxpayer or applicant approved for the allowance of a tax expenditure or
24 a grant award under ORS 469B.256.

25 (b) The address of each taxpayer or applicant.

26 (c) The total amount of credit against tax liability, reduction in taxable income or exemption
27 from property taxation granted to each taxpayer or applicant.

28 (d) Specific outcomes or results required by the tax expenditure program and information about
29 whether the taxpayer or applicant meets those requirements. This information shall be based on data
30 already collected and analyzed by the agency in the course of administering the tax expenditure.
31 Statistics must be accompanied by a description of the methodology employed in their generation.

32 (e) An explanation of the agency's certification decision for each taxpayer or applicant, if ap-
33 plicable.

34 (f) Any additional information submitted by the taxpayer or applicant and relied upon by the
35 agency in its certification determination.

36 (g) Any other information that agency personnel deem valuable as providing context for the in-
37 formation described in this subsection.

38 (4) The information reported under subsection (3) of this section may not include proprietary
39 information or information that is exempt from disclosure under ORS 192.410 to 192.505 or 314.835.

40 (5) No later than September 30 of each year, agencies described in subsection (1) of this section
41 shall submit to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services the information required under
42 subsection (3) of this section as applicable to applications for allowance of tax expenditures ap-
43 proved by the agency during the agency fiscal year ending during the current calendar year. The
44 information shall then be posted on the Oregon transparency website required under ORS 184.483
45 no later than December 31 of the same year.

1 (6)(a) In addition to the information described in subsection (3) of this section, the Oregon De-
2 partment of Administrative Services shall post on the Oregon transparency website:

3 **(A)** Copies of all reports that the department, the Department of Revenue or the Oregon Busi-
4 ness Development Department receives from counties and other local governments relating to
5 properties in enterprise zones that have received tax exemptions under ORS 285C.170, 285C.175 or
6 285C.409, or that are eligible for tax exemptions under ORS 285C.309, 315.507 or 317.124 by reason
7 of being in an enterprise zone; **and**

8 **(B) Copies of any annual reports that agencies described in subsection (1) of this section**
9 **are required by law to produce regarding the administration of statutes listed in subsection**
10 **(2) of this section.**

11 **(b)** The reports shall be submitted to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services in a
12 manner and format prescribed by the department.

13 (7) The information described in this section that is available on the Oregon transparency
14 website must be accessible in the format and manner required by the Oregon Department of Ad-
15 ministrative Services.

16 (8) The information described in this section shall be furnished to the Oregon transparency
17 website by posting reports and providing links to existing information systems applications in ac-
18 cordance with standards established by the Oregon Department of Administrative Services.

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