

284.126 Budget of commission; financial records and statements. (1) The Oregon Tourism Commission shall adopt budgets on a biennial basis using classifications of expenditures and revenue required by ORS 291.206 (1). That portion of the budget that is funded by appropriations from the General Fund or by allocations of lottery funds is subject to review and approval by the Legislative Assembly and to future modification by the Emergency Board or the Legislative Assembly. The remainder of the budget is subject to review and recommendation by the Legislative Assembly.

(2) The commission shall adopt or modify a budget only after a public hearing on the budget. At least 15 days prior to a public hearing, the commission shall give notice of the hearing to all persons known to be interested in the proceedings of the commission and to any person who has requested a notice. The commission shall file a copy of the adopted or modified budget with the Legislative Fiscal Officer not later than five business days after the commission adopts or modifies a budget.

(3) The commission shall follow generally accepted accounting principles and keep such financial and statistical information as is necessary to completely and accurately disclose the financial condition and financial operations of the commission as may be required by the Secretary of State.

(4) The commission shall prepare an annual financial statement of commission revenues and expenses and shall make the statement available for public review. The commission shall file a copy of the annual financial statement with the Legislative Fiscal Officer not later than five business days after the statement is prepared or adopted by the commission. [Formerly 285A.272; 2011 c.630 §1]

284.130 [1985 c.807 §2; repealed by 1989 c.1015 §24]

284.131 Commission account; disposition of moneys; exemption from expenditure limitations. (1) All moneys collected, received by or appropriated to the Oregon Tourism Commission must be deposited into an account established by the commission in a depository bank insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. In a manner consistent with the requirements of ORS chapter 295, the chair of the commission shall ensure that sufficient collateral secures any amount of funds on deposit that exceeds the limits of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's coverage.

(2) Subject to the approval of the chair, the commission may invest moneys collected or received by the commission. Investments made by the commission must be limited to investments described in ORS 294.035 (3)(a) to (i).

(3) Interest earned on any moneys invested under subsection (2) of this section must be made available to the commission in a manner consistent with the biennial budget of the commission.

(4) The commission shall spend state transient lodging tax moneys appropriated to the commission under ORS 320.335 as follows:

(a) At least 80 percent must be used to fund state tourism marketing programs.

(b) As much as 15 percent must be used to implement a regional cooperative tourism marketing program that:

(A) Requires fund allocations to focus on creating new business from out-of-state and international markets;

(B) Utilizes a regional allocation formula that distributes revenue to regions, the boundaries of which are established by the commission, in proportion to the amount of transient lodging tax revenues collected in each region;

(C) Distributes revenue to recipients that are selected by the commission as organizations able to conduct tourism-related marketing for each region;

(D) Requires advertising, publications, CD-ROMs, websites, videos and other tourism promotion materials funded through the regional cooperative tourism marketing program to carry the Oregon Tourism Commission logo and marketing tag line; and

(E) Encourages funding recipients to incorporate design elements from commission advertising and promotional campaigns, such as fonts, images and other design elements.

(5) All moneys in the account that are not state transient lodging tax revenues are continuously appropriated to the commission for the purposes of carrying out the functions of the commission.

(6) All expenditures from the account are exempt from any state expenditure limitation. [Formerly 285A.274]

284.134 Financial review by Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall enter into agreements with the Oregon Tourism Commission to set an appropriate financial review schedule for the commission. In lieu of conducting a financial review, the Secretary of State may elect to contract for the financial review with, or accept a financial review conducted by, an independent certified public accountant. [Formerly 285A.277]

284.135 [1989 c.1015 §4; repealed by 1991 c.11 §19]

284.138 Matching grant program; purposes; amount. (1) The Oregon Tourism Commission shall administer a biennial matching grants program when the Legislative Assembly appropriates moneys therefor. The purpose of the matching grants program is to help develop and improve the economies of communities throughout Oregon by means of the improvement, expansion and promotion of the visitor industry.

(2) The commission shall establish the maximum grant amount in the applicant guidelines prepared for the matching grants program in each biennium. No more than 50 percent of the total cost of a project may be paid for with moneys from the program. An applicant must show a minimum one-to-one match from private or public sources other than Oregon Business Development Department or commission programs. The applicant must also show a cash match of at least 50 percent of the amount requested under the matching grants program. [Formerly 285A.279]

284.140 [1985 c.807 §4; repealed by 1989 c.1015 §24]

284.142 Executive director of commission. (1) The Oregon Tourism Commission shall appoint an executive director. The appointment shall be subject to the approval of the Governor. The executive director shall serve at the pleasure of the members of the commission.

(2) The commission shall set the compensation of the executive director.

(3) The executive director shall direct all administrative functions of the commission. The executive director may appoint all subordinate officers and employees of the commission and may prescribe their duties and set their compensation.

(4) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, the commission may delegate to the executive director any duty, function or power conferred or imposed on the commission and the executive director may delegate to any subordinate officer or employee of the commission any duty, function or power conferred, imposed on or delegated to the executive director.

(5) The commission may not delegate to the executive director the power to:

(a) Approve the comprehensive marketing plan described in ORS 284.111;

(b) Approve the biennial budget required under ORS 284.126; or

(c) Appoint and set the compensation of the executive director. [Formerly 285A.282; 2009 c.11 §32]

284.145 [1989 c.1015 §5; renumbered 285.575 in 1991]

284.146 Maintenance of tourist information centers. The Oregon Tourism Commission shall establish and maintain official tourist information centers near the principal entrance points into the state, and at other locations it considers appropriate, to be used to provide information to the public about public accommodations, transportation, commercial services for the traveling public, campgrounds, parks, recreational areas and points of interest. The commission may contract for the construction, maintenance and operation of such tourist information centers. [Formerly 285A.288]