

SB 333 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

Action Date: 04/10/17

Action: Do pass with amendments and requesting referral to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Engrossed.)

Vote: 4-0-1-0

Yeas: 4 - Beyer, Girod, Monroe, Riley

Exc: 1 - Thomsen

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Removes loan forgiveness and reimbursement delays, and makes other changes, to the Oregon Industrial Site Readiness Program. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Program was established in 2011 and remains unfunded
- Distribution of industrial sites across state
- Industrial Land Coalition seeking to streamline program
- Need for high-paying jobs

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Modifies whereas clause. Modifies definition of "eligible employer" to differentiate between urban and rural sites and to specify that the employer must already be conducting traded sector business. Modifies definition of "estimated incremental tax revenues". Adds definitions for "rural site" and "urban site." Restores definition of "wage." Restores references to estimated incremental income tax revenues. Directs Oregon Business Development Department to obtain, from the Oregon Employment Department, employment and wage information by April 1 every tax year following the first tax year an employee of an eligible employer will be required to pay income taxes. Delegates duties of Department of Administrative Services regarding wage and hour data to the Oregon Business Development Department.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon has experienced a lack of large sites available for industrial development. Such sites are considered to be an integral part of efforts to expand and improve the state's economy and to attracting and retaining large employers in the state. There has been a consistent interest in potential sites for industrial development of 50 acres and up, even during the recession a few years ago.

The Legislative Assembly sought to address the shortage of industrial land with the passage of Senate Bill 766 (2011), which provided a process by which permitting for significant industrial sites could be expedited. In 2013, the Legislative Assembly enacted Senate Bill 246, which established the Oregon Industrial Site Readiness Program, enabling the Oregon Business Development Department to make loans and/or provide tax reimbursement for development of regionally significant industrial sites.

