

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2752

Ordered by the House March 21
Including House Amendments dated March 21

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TRADE

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.

[Establishes Task Force on Economic Development.]

[Sunsets task force on December 31, 2018.]

[Declares emergency, effective on passage.]

Directs Oregon Business Development Department to develop and administer program to issue grants to fund projects for construction of all-wood high-rise buildings in this state. Requires department to prioritize projects that result in greatest increase of affordable housing and best demonstrate feasibility and innovative nature of building high-rise structure out of wood.

Allocates moneys from Administrative Services Economic Development Fund to department for grant program.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to economic development.

3 Whereas Oregon has a history and tradition of wisely using the state's forest resources; and

4 Whereas Oregon's rural economy relies upon sound forest management practices for living wage
5 jobs and a viable economy; and

6 Whereas Oregon's urban communities rely on the goods and resources provided by the commu-
7 nities of rural Oregon; and

8 Whereas cross-laminated timber is a tested and proven building product that combines Oregon's
9 rural and urban traditions of leading wood products production; and

10 Whereas cross-laminated timber and other value-added mass timber products are needed to
11 support the development of a supply chain that will benefit Oregon's rural communities with eco-
12 nomic and workforce development; and

13 Whereas Oregon is poised to be recognized as the center of cross-laminated timber in the nation,
14 bringing in national and foreign investment and increasing demand for export of Oregon wood pro-
15 ducts; now, therefore,

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

17 **SECTION 1.** **(1) The Oregon Business Development Department shall develop and admin-**
18 **ister a program to issue grants to eligible applicants to fund, in whole or in part, projects**
19 **for the construction of all-wood high-rise buildings in this state.**

20 **(2) The department may award grants under this section only for projects that:**

21 **(a) Construct high-rise buildings out of an assembly that includes cross-laminated timber**
22 **and glue-laminated timber;**

23 **(b) Demonstrate the ability to use wood products as high-rise construction materials**

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 safely while meeting stringent fire and seismic code requirements;

2 (c) Showcase the innovative nature of mass timber in the structural design of high-rise
3 buildings;

4 (d) Evidence a structural design that incorporates solutions designed to respond to seis-
5 mic activity;

6 (e) Enhance the market for engineered wood products in this state; and

7 (f) Propose solutions for the construction of wood buildings that will provide affordable
8 housing throughout this state.

9 (3) The department shall prioritize the projects that will, in the department's determi-
10 nation, result in the greatest increase in affordable housing throughout this state and best
11 demonstrate the feasibility and innovative nature of building a high-rise structure out of
12 wood.

13 (4) The department shall, before awarding a grant under this section, require a recipient
14 to enter into a grant contract that:

15 (a) Describes the purposes for which the grant moneys may be expended; and

16 (b) Imposes other terms and conditions as the department may require.

17 (5) On or before September 15 of each year, the department shall submit a report to the
18 interim committees of the Legislative Assembly with subject matter jurisdiction of economic
19 development, in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, that describes the projects that re-
20 ceived grants through the program established under this section and the progress of such
21 projects.

22 (6) The department shall adopt rules to administer and implement the provisions of this
23 section.

24 **SECTION 2.** There is allocated for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, from the Admin-
25 istrative Services Economic Development Fund, to the Oregon Business Development De-
26 partment, the amount of \$2 million to be distributed to eligible grant recipients through the
27 grant program established under section 1 of this 2017 Act.

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