

# House Bill 3374

Sponsored by Representatives SMITH DB, LININGER, Senator KRUSE

## 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**.

Provides grants to certain counties that received Secure Rural Schools Program payments if voters of county approve local option levy or bond levy. Establishes Oregon County Assistance Fund. Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Oregon County Assistance Fund for purpose of making grants.

Sunset July 1, 2025.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to state grants to assist certain counties; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) This section applies to a county if:**

5 (a) **The county received payments under the federal Secure Rural Schools Program for**  
6 **the property tax year beginning on July 1, 2008, in an amount that was greater than 10 per-**  
7 **cent of the total ad valorem property taxes imposed by the county for the property tax year**  
8 **beginning on July 1, 2008; and**

9 (b) **The voters of the county approve a local option levy or a bond levy on or after the**  
10 **effective date of this 2017 Act and before January 1, 2020.**

11 (2) **The Department of Revenue shall make a grant for a property tax year to each county**  
12 **described in subsection (1) of this section in an amount equal to the lesser of:**

13 (a) **The total amount of ad valorem property taxes imposed pursuant to any local option**  
14 **levy and bond levy of the county for the property tax year; or**

15 (b) **Fifty percent of the payment received by the county under the federal Secure Rural**  
16 **Schools Program during the property tax year beginning on July 1, 2008, less any amount**  
17 **received by the county under ORS 293.560 during the property tax year beginning on July 1,**  
18 **2008.**

19 (3) **The period for which grants are made to any county under subsection (2) of this**  
20 **section shall equal the lesser of:**

21 (a) **The number of property tax years for which the local option levy or bond levy is ap-**  
22 **proved by the voters; or**

23 (b) **Five consecutive property tax years.**

24 (4) **As soon as practicable after the assessor of a county described in subsection (1) of**  
25 **this section has made the certificate required under ORS 311.105 for any property tax year**  
26 **in which the county imposes a local option levy or bond levy, the assessor shall notify the**  
27 **department of the information necessary for the department to make a grant under this**  
28 **section.**

29 (5)(a) **If, upon receipt of notice under subsection (4) of this section, the department de-**

**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 termines that the county is not entitled to a grant, the department shall notify the county  
2 of the determination.

3 (b) If the department determines that the county is entitled to a grant, the department  
4 shall make the grant in the amount determined under subsection (2) of this section from  
5 moneys in the Oregon County Assistance Fund established under section 2 of this 2017 Act.

6 (6) The department may adopt rules governing the implementation of this section.

7 **SECTION 2.** (1) The Oregon County Assistance Fund is established in the State Treasury,  
8 separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the fund shall be credited  
9 to the fund.

10 (2) Moneys in the Oregon County Assistance Fund shall consist of:

11 (a) Amounts appropriated or otherwise transferred to the fund by the Legislative As-  
12 sembly;

13 (b) Other amounts deposited in or donated to the fund from any source, public or private;  
14 and

15 (c) Interest earned on moneys in the fund.

16 (3) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Department of Revenue for  
17 the purpose of making grants under section 1 of this 2017 Act.

18 **SECTION 3.** (1) Section 1 of this 2017 Act is repealed on July 1, 2025.

19 (2) Section 2 of this 2017 Act is repealed on July 1, 2026.

20 **SECTION 4.** There is appropriated to the Department of Revenue, for the biennium be-  
21 ginning July 1, 2017, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for deposit in the  
22 Oregon County Assistance Fund for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 1  
23 of this 2017 Act. This appropriation is available continuously until expended for the purpose  
24 specified in this section.

25 **SECTION 5.** Any moneys in the Oregon County Assistance Fund on July 1, 2026, that are  
26 uncommitted for the purpose specified in section 4 of this 2017 Act shall revert to the Gen-  
27 eral Fund and be available for general governmental purposes.

28 **SECTION 6.** This 2017 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2017  
29 regular session of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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