

Senate Bill 139

Sponsored by Senator MONNES ANDERSON, Representatives PILUSO, GORSEK (Presession filed.)

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**.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Oregon Department of Administrative Services for construction and capital equipment of innovation and workforce training center in Rockwood neighborhood of Gresham.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2017.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to state financial administration; and declaring an emergency.

3 Whereas the Rockwood neighborhood in Gresham is one of the most populous and diverse com-
4 munities in Oregon, with a population of approximately 17,000 residents who speak over 70 lan-
5 guages; and

6 Whereas Rockwood has become a home to many new communities, including recent immigrants,
7 refugees and individuals displaced from other neighborhoods of the Portland region; and

8 Whereas the Rockwood-West Gresham area provides over 10,000 private sector jobs in special-
9 ized fields including manufacturing and food production that require job training and certification;
10 and

11 Whereas the City of Gresham recognizes there is a tremendous need to provide job training to
12 residents with extremely low incomes who are in need of access to jobs; and

13 Whereas the Rockwood neighborhood includes high rates of poverty and unemployment; and

14 Whereas the Rockwood Rising Redevelopment Project is a public-private partnership creating
15 an economic engine focused on job creation and workforce development in order to increase incomes
16 and provide opportunity for the residents of Gresham; and

17 Whereas Rockwood Rising is currently in architectural design for a mixed use office, commercial
18 and residential center on five acres in the town center; and

19 Whereas Rockwood Rising includes experienced partners with programs to provide job training
20 and workforce development including MetroEast Community Media, WorkSource Oregon,
21 Worksystems, Inc., Mt. Hood Community College and the Oregon Small Business Development Cen-
22 ter Network; and

23 Whereas the colocation of these partners creates an Innovation and Workforce Training Center
24 that will include job training, small business development, a digital media lab, incubator office space
25 and a manufacturing maker space to provide residents skills and opportunities across the economic
26 spectrum; and

27 Whereas the Rockwood Rising Redevelopment Project is estimated to include approximately 400
28 jobs on the site; and

29 Whereas the City of Gresham recognizes the need to serve a growing and diverse community
30 with programs to create employment and proudly supports the plans to build a new Innovation and

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 Workforce Training Center in the Rockwood neighborhood; now, therefore,

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

3 **SECTION 1. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
4 **ated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, for the biennium beginning July**
5 **1, 2017, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$2,000,000, for the construction and capital**
6 **equipment of an innovation and workforce training center to be located in the Rockwood**
7 **neighborhood in Gresham.**

8 **SECTION 2. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
9 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect**
10 **July 1, 2017.**

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