

Requested by Representative REARDON

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2534**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, after line 2, insert:

2 “Whereas one of the most effective ways to shift a community from a
3 collective community of concentrated poverty to a community of opportunity
4 is to enhance the network of resource sharing and public agency and com-
5 munity collaboration, and to provide resources to support collaborative ef-
6 forts; and

7 “Whereas community initiated and community led efforts are most likely
8 to succeed in addressing communities of concentrated poverty in a way that
9 is sustainable; and

10 “Whereas a lack of capacity to collaborate, inflexible funding streams,
11 burdensome reporting requirements and a lack of coordination of efforts by
12 state agencies make it difficult for communities to take action to alleviate
13 poverty and enhance opportunity; and

14 “Whereas leveraging public and private efforts and resources can greatly
15 increase the opportunities for communities to improve situations of concen-
16 trated poverty; now, therefore,”.

17 Delete lines 4 through 30 and delete page 2 and insert:

18 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Opportunity Commission is estab-
19 lished.**

20 **“(2) The commission consists of 17 members, as follows:**

21 **“(a) The Governor;**

1 **“(b) The Superintendent of Public Instruction;**
2 **“(c) The Director of the Oregon Health Authority;**
3 **“(d) The Director of Human Services;**
4 **“(e) The Chief Education Officer;**
5 **“(f) The chairperson of the State Workforce Investment Board;**
6 **“(g) A person appointed by the Governor representing a county**
7 **solutions program;**
8 **“(h) A person appointed by the Governor representing a regional**
9 **solutions program;**
10 **“(i) A person appointed by the Governor representing the Ford**
11 **Family Foundation;**
12 **“(j) A person appointed by the Governor representing the Oregon**
13 **Community Foundation;**
14 **“(k) A person appointed by the Governor representing the Oregon**
15 **Business Council;**
16 **“(L) A person appointed by the Governor representing the United**
17 **States Department of Agriculture;**
18 **“(m) A person appointed by the Governor representing the United**
19 **States Department of Housing and Urban Development; and**
20 **“(n) Four persons appointed by the Governor representing commu-**
21 **nities of concentrated poverty.**
22 **“(3) The Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Director of the**
23 **Oregon Health Authority, the Director of Human Services, the Chief**
24 **Education Officer and the chairperson of the State Workforce Invest-**
25 **ment Board are ex officio members of the commission and have the**
26 **same powers as appointed members.**
27 **“(4) The term of office of each appointed member of the commission**
28 **is four years, but a member serves at the pleasure of the Governor.**
29 **Terms commence on July 1. Before the expiration of the term of a**
30 **member, the Governor shall appoint a successor. A member is eligible**

1 for reappointment. If there is a vacancy for any cause, the Governor
2 shall make an appointment to become immediately effective for the
3 unexpired term.

4 “(5) The appointment of each member of the commission is subject
5 to confirmation by the Senate in the manner prescribed in ORS 171.562
6 and 171.565.

7 “(6) An appointed member of the commission is entitled to com-
8 pensation and expenses as provided in ORS 292.495.

9 “(7) The appointed members of the commission must be residents
10 of this state who are well informed on the causes and effects of pov-
11 erty in this state.

12 “(8) The Office of the Governor shall provide staff and administra-
13 tive support to the commission.

14 **“SECTION 2.** Notwithstanding the term of office specified by sec-
15 tion 1 of this 2017 Act, of the members first appointed to the Oregon
16 Opportunity Commission:

17 “(1) Two shall serve for a term ending June 30, 2018.

18 “(2) Three shall serve for a term ending June 30, 2019.

19 “(3) Three shall serve for a term ending June 30, 2020.

20 “(4) Three shall serve for a term ending June 30, 2021.

21 **“SECTION 3.** (1) The Oregon Opportunity Fund is established in the
22 State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest
23 earned by the Oregon Opportunity Fund shall be credited to the fund.

24 “(2) Moneys in the Oregon Opportunity Fund shall consist of:

25 “(a) Moneys deposited pursuant to this section;

26 “(b) Amounts donated to the fund;

27 “(c) Amounts appropriated or otherwise transferred to the fund by
28 the Legislative Assembly;

29 “(d) Investment earnings received on moneys in the fund; and

30 “(e) Other amounts deposited in the fund from any source.

1 **“(3) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the**
2 **Oregon Opportunity Commission for the purposes described in sections**
3 **1 to 8 of this 2017 Act.**

4 **“(4) The commission may establish accounts and subaccounts**
5 **within the fund when the commission determines that accounts or**
6 **subaccounts are necessary or desirable, and may credit any interest**
7 **or income derived from moneys in the fund to any account or subac-**
8 **count in the fund.**

9 **“(5) The commission may use moneys in the fund to pay the staff-**
10 **ing expenses of the commission and the administrative costs associ-**
11 **ated with the fund and with making grants, loans and other**
12 **distributions of moneys from the fund.**

13 **“SECTION 4. (1) The Oregon Opportunity Commission may make**
14 **grants and loans from the Oregon Opportunity Fund to support local**
15 **communities that have submitted a community driven plan to address**
16 **poverty in that community. The commission shall adopt rules setting**
17 **criteria for the awarding and uses of grants and loans under this sec-**
18 **tion.**

19 **“(2) The commission shall:**

20 **“(a) Administer the fund to assist local communities to reduce**
21 **concentrated poverty, in accordance with the criteria set by the com-**
22 **mission by rule;**

23 **“(b) Develop a community self-assessment tool to measure a**
24 **community’s current capacity to address concentrated poverty in that**
25 **community;**

26 **“(c) Develop approaches to make the awarding and uses of moneys**
27 **to reduce concentrated poverty more flexible and coordinated;**

28 **“(d) Establish a simple process for communities to apply for moneys**
29 **from the fund and provide assistance with the application process;**

30 **“(e) Identify and advocate for revisions to laws and rules that**

1 hinder or are not useful to communities working to reduce concen-
2 trated poverty and enhance economic and social opportunities; and

3 “(f) Identify incentives for public and private sector collaboration
4 that will leverage available resources to assist the communities in re-
5 ducing concentrated poverty.

6 “SECTION 5. (1) The Governor shall serve as chairperson of the
7 Oregon Opportunity Commission. The commission shall select one of
8 its members as vice chairperson, for a term and with duties and pow-
9 ers necessary for the performance of the functions of that office as the
10 commission determines.

11 “(2) A majority of the members of the commission constitutes a
12 quorum for the transaction of business.

13 “(3) The commission shall meet at least once every six months at
14 a time and place determined by the Governor. The commission also
15 may meet at other times and places specified by the call of the chair-
16 person or of a majority of all of the members of the commission.

17 “SECTION 6. (1) The Oregon Opportunity Commission shall appoint
18 a director, who shall serve at the pleasure of the commission.

19 “(2) The appointment of the director must be by written order filed
20 with the Secretary of State.

21 “(3) Subject to any applicable provisions of ORS chapter 240, the
22 director shall employ all subordinate officers and employees of the
23 commission, prescribe their duties and fix their compensation.

24 “SECTION 7. In accordance with applicable provisions of ORS
25 chapter 183, the Oregon Opportunity Commission may adopt rules
26 necessary for the administration of the laws and rules that the com-
27 mission is charged with administering.

28 “SECTION 8. The Oregon Opportunity Commission, the director of
29 the commission and authorized representatives of the commission may
30 administer oaths, take depositions and issue subpoenas to compel the

1 attendance of witnesses and the production of documents or other
2 written information necessary to carry out the provisions of sections
3 1 to 8 of this 2017 Act. If any person fails to comply with a subpoena
4 issued under this section or refuses to testify on matters on which the
5 person lawfully may be interrogated, the procedure set out in ORS
6 183.440 shall be followed to compel obedience.

7 **SECTION 9.** The amount of \$_____ is transferred from the General
8 Fund to the Oregon Opportunity Fund established in section 3 of this
9 2017 Act.

10 **SECTION 10.** (1) Sections 1 to 8 of this 2017 Act become operative
11 January 1, 2018.

12 **(2)** The Governor may take any action before January 1, 2018, that
13 is necessary to enable the Governor, on or after January 1, 2018, to
14 exercise the duties, functions and powers conferred on the Governor
15 by sections 1 to 8 of this 2017 Act.

16 **SECTION 11.** This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate
17 preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is
18 declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect on its passage.”.

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