

House Bill 4039

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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**.

Requires state agency that grants or lends moneys for capital costs of research center to obtain right to receive portion of revenue derived from patents obtained from work by research center. Provides that revenues derived from patents be used for grant programs related to emergency preparedness, innovation-based economic development, energy-related innovation, regionally determined innovation priorities and capital costs related to emergency preparedness.

Requires Office of Emergency Management to develop and administer grant program to purchase emergency preparedness equipment throughout state. Establishes Critical Priority Resiliency Grant Fund to fund grant program.

Requires Oregon Business Development Department to develop and administer grant program to promote innovation-based economic development in this state. Establishes Critical Priority Innovation Grant Fund to fund grant program.

Requires Department of Education to develop and administer grant program to promote research and development of energy-related technologies. Establishes Critical Technology Capitalization Fund to fund grant program.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to use of patent revenues for critical investments.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) If a state agency lends or grants moneys to a private entity to be used**
5 **for capital costs of a research center, the state agency shall, before lending or granting the**
6 **moneys, enter into an agreement with the private entity that grants the Oregon Department**
7 **of Administrative Services a right to receive some or all of the revenues derived from any**
8 **patents obtained as a result of work performed at or enabled by the research center.**

9 **(2) The agreement may use any commercially reasonable method of allocating revenues.**
10 **In negotiating the agreement, the state agency shall consider at least the following goals:**

11 **(a) Maximization of the total revenue granted to the state under the agreement; and**

12 **(b) Promotion of technological innovation.**

13 **(3) The state agency shall consult with the Department of Justice when negotiating the**
14 **agreement. The state agency may not execute the agreement unless the agreement is first**
15 **approved by the Department of Justice.**

16 **(4) As used in this section:**

17 **(a) "Private entity" means any entity that is not a public body as defined in ORS 174.109.**

18 **(b) "Research center" means any facility designed, in whole or in part, for research or**
19 **development of technology or other innovations, but does not include a facility that is owned**
20 **by a public university.**

21 **(c) "State agency" has the meaning given that term in ORS 276A.230.**

22 **SECTION 2. (1) When the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, pursuant to**
23 **an agreement under section 1 of this 2018 Act, receives revenues derived from a patent, the**
24 **department shall deposit the revenues in the Patent Revenue Account established under**

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 subsection (2) of this section and shall distribute the revenues as follows:

2 (a) The department shall deposit 10 percent of the revenues in the Critical Priority
3 Resiliency Grant Fund established under section 4 of this 2018 Act.

4 (b) The department shall deposit 25 percent of the revenues in the Critical Priority In-
5 novation Grant Fund established under section 6 of this 2018 Act.

6 (c) The department shall deposit 25 percent of the revenues in the Critical Technology
7 Capitalization Fund established under section 8 of this 2018 Act.

8 (d) The department shall, in consultation with the Regional Solutions Program estab-
9 lished under ORS 284.754, distribute 25 percent of the revenues for purposes that will further
10 innovation in the geographic region or regions in which the patent originated.

11 (e) The department may expend up to five percent of the revenues for necessary costs
12 of administration of this section and section 1 of this 2018 Act.

13 (f) The department shall transfer the remaining portion of the revenues to the General
14 Fund to be used for general governmental purposes. It is the intent of the Legislative As-
15 sembly that moneys described in this paragraph be expended for capital costs related to
16 emergency preparedness.

17 (2) The Patent Revenue Account is established in the State Treasury, separate and dis-
18 tinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Patent Revenue Account must be
19 credited to the account. The account consists of moneys deposited in the account under
20 subsection (1) of this section and may include moneys appropriated, allocated, deposited or
21 transferred to the fund by the Legislative Assembly or otherwise and interest earned on
22 moneys in the account. The moneys in the account are continuously appropriated to the
23 Oregon Department of Administrative Services for the purposes specified in subsection (1)
24 of this section.

25 **SECTION 3.** (1) The Office of Emergency Management shall, by rule, develop and ad-
26 minister a grant program to distribute preparedness equipment, or moneys to purchase
27 preparedness equipment, to applicants throughout this state.

28 (2) Pursuant to the grant program:

29 (a) Any entity with responsibility for or expertise in emergency preparedness, including
30 local governments and private entities, may apply to receive a grant. Applicants must dem-
31 onstrate a need for the specific preparedness equipment requested.

32 (b) In consultation with the Oregon Homeland Security Council, the office shall deter-
33 mine which requests from applicants, if fulfilled, will maximize the state's ability to respond
34 in case of emergency, taking into account considerations including but not limited to the
35 following:

36 (A) The level of need for the requested preparedness equipment demonstrated by the
37 applicant;

38 (B) The types of emergencies most likely to occur in the region where the applicant is
39 located; and

40 (C) Whether the applicant has alternative means of acquiring the requested preparedness
41 equipment.

42 (c) The office shall issue grants to the applicants identified under paragraph (b) of this
43 subsection. The office may either purchase the requested preparedness equipment for dis-
44 tribution to the recipient or issue cash to the recipient to purchase the requested
45 preparedness equipment.

1 (d) The office may impose reasonable conditions on grant recipients, including conditions
 2 under which grants must be repaid.

3 (3) The office may adopt rules to administer this section.

4 (4) As used in this section:

5 (a) "Emergency" has the meaning given that term in ORS 401.025.

6 (b) "Preparedness equipment" means equipment, tools, vehicles, fixtures or improve-
 7 ments upon real property, or other property that may be used to decrease the risk to life
 8 and property resulting from an emergency.

9 **SECTION 4.** The Critical Priority Resiliency Grant Fund is established in the State
 10 Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Critical Pri-
 11 ority Resiliency Grant Fund must be credited to the fund. The fund consists of moneys de-
 12 posited in the fund under section 2 of this 2018 Act and may include moneys appropriated,
 13 allocated, deposited or transferred to the fund by the Legislative Assembly or otherwise and
 14 interest earned on moneys in the account. The moneys in the account are continuously ap-
 15 propriated to the Office of Emergency Management for the purposes of making grants under
 16 section 3 of this 2018 Act and to pay the administrative costs associated with the fund and
 17 with making grants from the fund.

18 **SECTION 5.** (1) The Oregon Business Development Department shall, by rule, develop and
 19 administer a grant program to fund proposals that are intended to promote innovation-based
 20 economic development in this state.

21 (2) Pursuant to the grant program:

22 (a) Any individual or public or private entity may apply to receive a grant. An applicant
 23 for a grant must submit a proposal to the department that describes the proposed use of the
 24 grant moneys and includes any additional information required by the department by rule.

25 (b) The department may impose reasonable conditions on grant recipients, including
 26 conditions under which grants must be repaid.

27 (3) The department may adopt rules to administer this section.

28 **SECTION 6.** The Critical Priority Innovation Grant Fund is established in the State
 29 Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Critical Pri-
 30 ority Innovation Grant Fund must be credited to the fund. The fund consists of moneys de-
 31 posited in the fund under section 2 of this 2018 Act and may include moneys appropriated,
 32 allocated, deposited or transferred to the fund by the Legislative Assembly or otherwise and
 33 interest earned on moneys in the account. The moneys in the account are continuously ap-
 34 propriated to the Oregon Business Development Department for the purposes of making
 35 grants under section 5 of this 2018 Act and to pay the administrative costs associated with
 36 the fund and with making grants from the fund.

37 **SECTION 7.** (1) The Department of Education shall, by rule adopted by the State Board
 38 of Education, develop and administer a grant program to fund proposals that are intended
 39 to promote research and development of energy-related technologies.

40 (2) Pursuant to the grant program:

41 (a) Any individual or public or private entity may apply to receive a grant. An applicant
 42 for a grant must submit a proposal to the department that describes the proposed use of the
 43 grant moneys and includes any additional information required by the department by rule.

44 (b) The department may impose reasonable conditions on grant recipients, including
 45 conditions under which grants must be repaid.

1 **(3) The board may adopt rules to administer this section.**

2 **SECTION 8. The Critical Technology Capitalization Fund is established in the State**
3 **Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Critical**
4 **Technology Capitalization Fund must be credited to the fund. The fund consists of moneys**
5 **deposited in the fund under section 2 of this 2018 Act and may include moneys appropriated,**
6 **allocated, deposited or transferred to the fund by the Legislative Assembly or otherwise and**
7 **interest earned on moneys in the account. The moneys in the account are continuously ap-**
8 **propriated to the Department of Education for the purposes of making grants under section**
9 **7 of this 2018 Act and to pay the administrative costs associated with the fund and with**
10 **making grants from the fund.**

11 **SECTION 9. Section 1 of this 2018 Act applies to grants or loans that are first authorized**
12 **on or after the effective date of this 2018 Act.**

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