

House Bill 2541

Sponsored by Representative EVANS (Pre-session 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**.

Authorizes Oregon Business Development Department to make grants to certain small cities for purposes of studying, developing and capitalizing public transit systems. Appropriates moneys to department for grant program.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to grants to small cities for public transit.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Business Development Department may make grants to a**
5 **city with a population of 35,000 or less that:**

6 (a) **Has within its corporate boundaries a community college or a public university listed**
7 **in ORS 352.002 with at least 3,000 full-time students;**

8 (b) **Has entered into a formal public-private public transit delivery agreement;**

9 (c) **Has potential for linkage for regional public transit opportunities;**

10 (d) **Has a strategic plan that includes public transit for health care availability, housing-**
11 **to-work access, traffic congestion mitigation and regional economic development; or**

12 (e) **Needs both intracommunity and intercommunity public transit.**

13 (2) **Grants must be used for:**

14 (a) **An initial feasibility study on the scale, scope, shape and size of a public transit sys-**
15 **tem;**

16 (b) **Establishment of a public-private partnership, including at least one community col-**
17 **lege or public university and one city, for delivery of a public transit system; or**

18 (c) **Initial capitalization of a public transit system.**

19 (3)(a) **Any city described in subsection (1) of this section may apply for a grant under this**
20 **section by submitting a completed application and related information as required by the**
21 **Oregon Business Development Department by rule.**

22 (b) **An application must require the city to:**

23 (A) **Include a formal statement of intent to partner on a community-wide public transit**
24 **system;**

25 (B) **Identify a public agency that will manage the grant; and**

26 (C) **Include a good-faith statement of intent to develop and maintain a community-wide**
27 **public transit system, through partnerships, direct or contracted services or an intergov-**
28 **ernmental agreement entered into under ORS chapter 190, based on a validated feasibility**
29 **study demonstrating long-term sustainability of a public transit system to be operating not**
30 **later than 2030.**

31 (c) **The application shall be filed, reviewed and approved or rejected in accordance with**

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 rules adopted by the department.

2 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated to the Oregon Business Development Department, for
3 the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____ for the
4 purpose of making grants under section 1 of this 2019 Act.

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