Senate Bill 261

Sponsored by Senator ROBLAN, Representatives GOMBERG, MCKEOWN; Representative SMITH DB (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 for distribution to Oregon Coast Aquarium for purposes for which aquarium's current capital campaign has been undertaken.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to an appropriation for the Oregon Coast Aquarium; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. There is appropriated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out of the General Fund, the amount of $10,000,000, to be distributed to the Oregon Coast Aquarium for the purposes set forth in section 2 of this 2019 Act.

SECTION 2. (1) The Legislative Assembly finds that the Oregon Coast Aquarium plays a significant role in the educational, cultural, economic and social life of Oregon by:
   (a) Expanding ocean literacy education;
   (b) Attracting tourism to the surrounding community and the state; and
   (c) Rehabilitating the growing number of marine animals stranded along the Oregon coast due to changing ocean conditions.

   (2) Moneys distributed to the Oregon Coast Aquarium under section 1 of this 2019 Act may be used by the aquarium for any of the following projects, which have been identified as priorities for the aquarium's current capital campaign:
       (a) Remodeling the entryway and cafe;
       (b) Improving three galleries;
       (c) Creating a nature play area with a forestry theme;
       (d) Enhancing ocean literacy education programming; and
       (e) Constructing and furnishing a marine wildlife rehabilitation and education center for assessment, urgent care, surgery, research and veterinary practicums and other marine science education.

SECTION 3. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect on its passage.

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.

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