Senate Bill 666

Sponsored by Senator HANSELL

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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.**

Increases fee for Pacific Wonderland registration plates.

Directs increase in fee to Trust for Cultural Development Board. Directs board to issue grants to county historical societies.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to Pacific Wonderland registration plates; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 359.416 and 359.421 and sections 2 and 3, chapter 823, Oregon Laws 2009.

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

- SECTION 1. Section 2, chapter 823, Oregon Laws 2009, as amended by section 8, chapter 709, Oregon Laws 2011, section 1, chapter 390, Oregon Laws 2015, section 18, chapter 806, Oregon Laws 2015, section 39s, chapter 750, Oregon Laws 2017, section 36, chapter 93, Oregon Laws 2018, and section 14, chapter 114, Oregon Laws 2018, is amended to read:
- **Sec. 2.** (1) The Department of Transportation shall establish a Pacific Wonderland registration plate program to issue special registration plates called "Pacific Wonderland registration plates" upon request to owners of motor vehicles registered under the provisions of ORS 803.420 (6)(a). In addition, the department may adopt rules for issuance of Pacific Wonderland registration plates for vehicles not registered under the provisions of ORS 803.420 (6)(a).
- (2) In addition to any other fee authorized by law, for each set of Pacific Wonderland registration plates issued under subsection (1) of this section, the department shall collect a surcharge of [\$100] \$125 payable when the plates are issued. The department shall transfer the moneys from the surcharge as provided in section 3, chapter 823, Oregon Laws 2009.
- (3) Notwithstanding ORS 803.530, Pacific Wonderland registration plates may be transferred from vehicle to vehicle if the department stops issuing the plates, as long as the plates are legible and capable of being used for identification purposes.
- **SECTION 2.** Section 3, chapter 823, Oregon Laws 2009, as amended by section 7, chapter 30, Oregon Laws 2010, and section 2, chapter 390, Oregon Laws 2015, is amended to read:
- Sec. 3. (1) After deduction of the cost of administration of the Pacific Wonderland registration plate program, the Department of Transportation shall transfer a percentage of the moneys from the surcharge imposed by section 2, chapter 823, Oregon Laws 2009, as follows:
- (a) [50] Forty percent [of the moneys from the surcharge imposed by section 2, chapter 823, Oregon Laws 2009,] to the Oregon State Capitol Foundation for the general purposes of the foundation under ORS 173.500; [and 50]
 - (b) Forty percent to the Oregon Historical Society; and
- (c) Twenty percent to the County Historical Society Account established under section 6 of this 2019 Act.

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.

(2) The Trust for Cultural Development Board shall use the funds received under subsection (1)(c) of this section to award grants to county historical societies for the purpose of maintaining and preserving facilities a county historical society operates. The board may not award grants to pay the costs of new construction. The board shall adopt rules to carry out this subsection. The rules must specify the application process and the selection criteria that will be used in awarding grants.

[(2)] (3) As used in this section, the cost of administration of the Pacific Wonderland registration plate program is the sum of all department expenses for the issuance or transfer of Pacific Wonderland registration plates under section 2, chapter 823, Oregon Laws 2009, that are above the normal costs of issuing, renewing and transferring registration plates in the normal course of the business of the department. These expenses include, but are not limited to, the costs of collecting the Pacific Wonderland registration plates surcharge and transferring Pacific Wonderland registration plates.

SECTION 3. ORS 359.416 is amended to read:

359.416. (1) The Trust for Cultural Development Board shall oversee management of the Trust for Cultural Development Account and shall provide direction to the Administrator of the Arts Program for the coordination, administration and evaluation of the Cultural Development Grant Program, the Community Cultural Participation Grant Program and the use of funds received by core partner agencies under ORS 359.441.

- (2) The board shall oversee management of the County Historical Society Account and shall oversee the county historical society grant program described in section 3, chapter 823, Oregon Laws 2009.
- [(2)] (3) In accordance with applicable provisions of ORS chapter 183, the board may adopt rules necessary for the administration of ORS 359.400 to 359.444.

SECTION 4. ORS 359.421 is amended to read:

359.421. The Administrator of the Arts Program shall provide staff support to the Trust for Cultural Development Board. Under the direction of the board, the administrator shall:

- (1) Coordinate grant management;
- (2) Provide [Trust for Cultural Development Account] management of and accounting for the Trust for Cultural Development Account and the County Historical Society Account;
- (3) Work with cultural agencies and their constituents to communicate with and educate the public on the role culture plays in the lives of citizens and communities; and
- (4) Evaluate the Cultural Development Grant Program, the Community Cultural Participation Grant Program and the use of funds received under section 13, chapter 954, Oregon Laws 2001, by core partner agencies.

SECTION 5. Section 6 of this 2019 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 359.400 to 359.444.

SECTION 6. The County Historical Society Account is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. The account consists of moneys transferred to the account under section 3, chapter 823, Oregon Laws 2009. Moneys in the account are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Business Development Department for the purpose of awarding grants to county historical societies as described in section 3, chapter 823, Oregon Laws 2009.