

Requested by Representative HELM

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 3251**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “provisions;” delete the rest  
2 of the line and insert “and amending ORS 285B.290.”

3 Delete line 3.

4 Delete lines 5 through 30 and delete pages 2 and 3 and insert:

5 **“SECTION 1. As used in this section and section 2 of this 2019 Act:**

6 **“(1) ‘Business accelerator’ means a company:**

7 **“(a) Operating principally in this state;**

8 **“(b) With demonstrated success in operating educational programs**  
9 **in which outdoor gear and apparel industry veterans mentor cohorts**  
10 **of founders of emerging outdoor gear and apparel industry companies**  
11 **located in this state; and**

12 **“(c) Whose purpose is to help incubate and accelerate the growth**  
13 **of emerging companies.**

14 **“(2) ‘Membership organization’ means a nonprofit organization:**

15 **“(a) Operating principally in this state;**

16 **“(b) Consisting of member businesses from the outdoor gear and**  
17 **apparel industry whose principal place of business is in this state; and**

18 **“(c) That has the purpose of growing the outdoor gear and apparel**  
19 **industry at the state or regional level.**

20 **“(3) ‘Outdoor gear and apparel industry’ means all traded sector**  
21 **businesses that manufacture gear and apparel for use in outdoor re-**

1 creation.

2 “(4) ‘Outdoor recreation’ means activities undertaken for pleasure  
3 outdoors in natural environments.

4 “(5) ‘Traded sector’ has the meaning given that term in ORS  
5 285B.280.

6 **“SECTION 2. (1)(a) The Oregon Business Development Department  
7 may award matching grants to membership organizations and business  
8 accelerators in accordance with this section.**

9 **“(b) Matching grants awarded under this section must be used by  
10 the receiving membership organizations and business accelerators for  
11 the purposes of capacity building and technical assistance in the out-  
12 door gear and apparel industry.**

13 **“(2)(a) The department shall provide public notice whenever there  
14 are funds available for matching grants under this section.**

15 **“(b) The notice must include information about the requirements  
16 for eligibility and the application process for the matching grants.**

17 **“(3)(a) A membership organization or business accelerator seeking  
18 a matching grant under this section must file with the department an  
19 application in accordance with rules adopted by the department pur-  
20 suant to paragraph (c) of this subsection. The information included  
21 with the application must demonstrate that the applicant is a mem-  
22 bership organization or business accelerator.**

23 **“(b) The department may charge an application fee in an amount  
24 that does not exceed the actual costs incurred by the department in  
25 processing applications filed pursuant to this section.**

26 **“(c) The department shall adopt rules that establish the application  
27 process for matching grants awarded under this section.**

28 **“(4) The department may not pay the amount of a matching grant  
29 to a membership organization or business accelerator unless the re-  
30 cipient has entered into a grant agreement with the department that**

1 establishes the deliverables required from, and other goals to be met  
2 by, the recipient.

3 **“SECTION 3. There is allocated for the biennium beginning July 1,**  
4 **2019, from the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund,**  
5 **to the Oregon Business Development Department, the amount of**  
6 **\$500,000, for deposit in the Industry Competitiveness Fund established**  
7 **under ORS 285B.290, for the purpose of awarding matching grants un-**  
8 **der section 2 of this 2019 Act.**

9 **“SECTION 4. ORS 285B.290 is amended to read:**

10 **“285B.290. (1) The Industry Competitiveness Fund is established in the**  
11 **State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund.**

12 **“(2) The Industry Competitiveness Fund shall consist of all moneys cred-**  
13 **ited to the fund, including moneys from the Administrative Services Eco-**  
14 **nomic Development Fund. Interest earned by the Industry Competitiveness**  
15 **Fund shall be credited to the fund.**

16 **“(3)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, mon-**  
17 **eys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Business De-**  
18 **velopment Department to provide funds for activities outlined in ORS**  
19 **285B.286.**

20 **“(b) Moneys in the fund that are deposited or otherwise credited to**  
21 **the fund for the purpose of awarding grants under section 2 of this 2019**  
22 **Act are allocated to the department for such purpose and may not be**  
23 **used for any other purpose.**

24 **“SECTION 5. No later than September 15, 2020, the Oregon Business**  
25 **Development Department shall submit, in the manner provided in ORS**  
26 **192.245, a report that sets forth the investments made pursuant to**  
27 **section 2 of this 2019 Act to the interim committees of the Legislative**  
28 **Assembly related to economic development.”.**

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