

Requested by Representative KOTEK

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 4028**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 5 through 29.

2 On page 2, delete lines 1 through 22 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 1.** ORS 284.781 is amended to read:

4 “284.781. The Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Board, in
5 collaboration with and with the assistance of the Oregon Business Develop-
6 ment Department, has the following duties, functions and powers:

7 “(1) To identify policies and strategies that will:

8 “(a) Promote workforce development, including development of residential
9 housing necessary to attract and keep employees in the region, and economic
10 development;

11 “(b) Facilitate **the** development, [*or*] **and** prevent **the** decline, of re-
12 gionally significant industrial sites;

13 “(c) Create [*or*] **and** maintain jobs in the region; and

14 “(d) Improve access to career and technical education, workforce training
15 programs and higher education to enhance the availability of a qualified
16 workforce for employers in the region.

17 “(2) To make recommendations to the Legislative Assembly for policies
18 and strategies intended to improve the availability of career and technical
19 education, workforce training programs and higher education for the purpose
20 of improving the availability of a qualified workforce for employers in the
21 Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Region.

1 “(3) To identify specific laws that place specific workforce development
2 [or] **and** economic development efforts in the Eastern Oregon Border Eco-
3 nomic Development Region, including **the** development of residential housing
4 necessary to attract and keep employees in the region, at a competitive dis-
5 advantage **with respect** to the same type of efforts in the areas across the
6 Oregon border as described in ORS 284.786.

7 “(4) **To establish programs through which one or more grants may**
8 **be awarded, or one or more loans may be made, or both.**

9 “(5) **To operate programs described in subsection (4) of this section**
10 **directly or to contract with a third-party administrator to operate the**
11 **programs.**

12 “[4] (6) Subject to the availability of funds in the Eastern Oregon Bor-
13 der Economic Development Board Fund **established under ORS 284.801**, to
14 [make] **award** grants [or] **and make** loans [to qualified applicants pursuant
15 to ORS 284.791, not to exceed a total of 10 active grants at any one time] **under**
16 **ORS 284.791 through programs established pursuant to subsection (4)**
17 **of this section and operated in accordance with subsection (5) of this**
18 **section.**

19 “[5] (7) To establish a means to evaluate grants [or] **awarded and** loans
20 made [by the board and the department] **under ORS 284.791**, including, but
21 not limited to, determining the number of businesses or regionally significant
22 industrial sites assisted, the types and amount of resources leveraged, return
23 on investment criteria, performance and outcome measures and methods to
24 evaluate the impact on jobs and wages in any area of the Eastern Oregon
25 Border Economic Development Region [to] **in** which grant or loan moneys
26 [were applied or in which they] were utilized.

27 “[6] (8) To facilitate collaboration among employers, local governments,
28 state agencies and stakeholders for the purpose of enhancing and expanding
29 workforce development and economic development in the region.

30 “[7] (9) To consult with affected school districts, community colleges

1 and universities and the Employment Department in identifying policies and
2 strategies that will enhance and promote workforce development to improve
3 the availability of a qualified workforce for employers in the Eastern Oregon
4 Border Economic Development Region.

5 “[8] **(10)** To report [*annually*] on or before December 31 of each year to
6 standing and interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to eco-
7 nomic development regarding [*implementation and*] **the** administration of the
8 Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Board and [*grants or loans*
9 *made by the board and the Oregon Business Development Department pursu-*
10 *ant to*] **the implementation and administration of programs under ORS**
11 **284.791.** The report may include recommendations [*regarding proposed*] **for**
12 legislation and strategies to improve workforce development and economic
13 development in the region.”.

14 Delete lines 24 through 37 and insert:

15 “284.791. (1)**(a)** Subject to the availability of funds in the Eastern Oregon
16 Border Economic Development Board Fund **established under ORS**
17 **284.801,** the Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Board may award
18 grants [*or*] **and make** loans to eligible applicants to enhance and expand
19 workforce development [*or*] **and** economic development in the Eastern
20 Oregon Border Economic Development Region. [*Repayment of loans made*
21 *under this section is subject to subsection (8) of this section. The board shall*
22 *make the decision to approve and award grants or loans under this section,*
23 *but the Oregon Business Development Department shall be responsible for the*
24 *actual payment of the grants or loans from the Eastern Oregon Border Eco-*
25 *nomic Development Board Fund.*]

26 “**(b) Grants shall be awarded and loans made through programs es-**
27 **tablished by the board pursuant to ORS 284.781 (4) and operated in**
28 **accordance with ORS 284.781 (5).**

29 “**(c) No more than 10 programs may be active at any time. A pro-**
30 **gram is active as long as any loan made through the program remains**

1 **outstanding or any work or project funded or financed by a grant**
2 **awarded through the program has not been completed in accordance**
3 **with the grant agreement.”.**

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