

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2355

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Measure Description:

Requires Oregon Business Development Department to develop matching grant program to fund new positions in tribal governments to increase tribal capacity for economic development activities.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD), Tribal Government

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

Analysis:

HB 2355 provides a one-time appropriation of General Fund in an unspecified amount to the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) to deposit in the Oregon Business, Innovation and Trade Fund for use in establishing a program for awarding matching grants to tribal governments to fund new positions in tribal government to increase tribal capacity for economic development activities.

The fiscal impact of this measure is indeterminate depending on the amount of funds to be appropriated. OBDD anticipates using a portion of any funds appropriated for the measure to administer this grant program and work with eligible tribal governments. Although the size of this new program and related administrative costs would depend on the amount of available funds for awarding matching grants, based on the measure’s stipulation that no more than four grants may be awarded under this program per biennium, OBDD estimates the administrative cost to be approximately \$58,971, 1 position, and 0.25 FTE for the 2021-23 biennium.

Tribal governments may experience a fiscal impact depending on whether grant funding allowed under this measure is awarded to their jurisdiction, but any such potential impact is indeterminate at this time. The measure specifies the allowable use for grant awards and requires that the tribal government in receipt of grants make an annual report to OBDD about the expenditure and effectiveness of the grant moneys.

This measure requires budgetary action for the allocation of General Fund resources.