

# House Bill 2355

Sponsored by Representatives BONHAM, SANCHEZ; Senator HANSELL (at the request of former Senator Arnie Roblan, Commission on Indian Services) (Pre-session 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**.

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. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to tribal economic development; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **"Fringe payroll expenses" includes but is not limited to health insurance premiums,**  
6 **pension contributions and payroll taxes.**

7 (b) **"Indian tribe" means a federally recognized Indian tribe in Oregon.**

8 (c) **"Tribal government" means the governing body of an Indian tribe.**

9 (2)(a) **The Oregon Business Development Department shall develop a program for**  
10 **awarding matching grants to tribal governments in accordance with this section.**

11 (b) **The department shall adopt rules prescribing grant application forms and procedures.**

12 (3)(a) **Grant moneys may be used by tribal governments solely to fund:**

13 (A) **New positions in the tribal government for the purpose of building internal tribal**  
14 **capacity for economic development activities;**

15 (B) **Fringe payroll expenses; and**

16 (C) **Supplies and services directly associated with the work performed by the new posi-**  
17 **tions.**

18 (b) **Grant moneys may not be used to fund:**

19 (A) **Positions in the tribal government that exist at the time the grant is awarded; or**

20 (B) **Employment of third-party consultants.**

21 (4)(a) **Grants shall be awarded for a term of four years according to the following**  
22 **schedule:**

23 (A) **For each of the first and second years, the grant shall be awarded in an amount equal**  
24 **to the lesser of 50 percent of the annual costs described in subsection (3)(a) of this section**  
25 **or \$50,000.**

26 (B) **For each of the third and fourth years, the grant shall be awarded in an amount equal**  
27 **to the lesser of 25 percent of the annual costs described in subsection (3)(a) of this section**  
28 **or \$25,000.**

29 (b) **No more than four grants may be awarded under the program per biennium.**

30 (c) **No more than one grant may be awarded to any single Indian tribe per biennium.**

**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.

1 (5) Before payment of a grant, the department and the tribal government must enter into  
2 an agreement that contains:

3 (a) The provisions required under this section;

4 (b) The scope of work to be performed by the new position funded by the grant;

5 (c) A requirement that the tribal government make an annual report to the department  
6 about the expenditure and effectiveness of the grant moneys; and

7 (d) Any other matter the department considers necessary to evaluate the success of the  
8 program.

9 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated to the Oregon Business Development Department, for  
10 the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for  
11 deposit in the Oregon Business, Innovation and Trade Fund created under ORS 285A.227 to  
12 be used for the purpose of carrying out section 1 of this 2021 Act.

13 **SECTION 3.** This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
14 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect  
15 on its passage.  
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