

House Bill 2483

Sponsored by Representative POWER (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

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Requires Oregon Business Development Department to require certain recipients of economic development assistance from state funds to consider and plan for access to child care.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to child care planning for economic development projects; amending ORS 285A.020 and
3 285A.075.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 285A.020 is amended to read:

6 285A.020. (1) The Legislative Assembly finds that:

7 (a) Oregon possesses unique and sustaining virtues that will guide and assist in maintaining the
8 state's economic health, including but not limited to Oregon's:

9 (A) Special heritage;

10 (B) Respect for and cultivation of the environment; and

11 (C) Attention to quality of life issues that are important to the state's economic development,
12 including but not limited to access to quality, affordable child care for all children in Oregon.

13 (b) Oregon is strategically placed to compete and succeed in the global marketplace.

14 (c) All regions of the state should share in Oregon's economic recovery.

15 (d) Creating and retaining quality jobs are vital to the state's economic health.

16 (e) Oregon's agriculture and natural resource industries provide opportunities for beneficial
17 economic enterprise, including sustainable business development activities.

18 (f) A well educated and trained workforce is necessary to support business and industry needs
19 throughout the state.

20 (g) The ability of existing businesses to grow is critical to Oregon's prosperity.

21 (h) The state must utilize its competitive advantages to retain existing businesses and attract
22 new companies and investment into the state.

23 (i) Continued development in Oregon depends on strengthening traded sector industries.

24 (j) International trade and development of international trade are essential for future business
25 development opportunities.

26 (k) Small businesses remain a critical element of the state's economy.

27 (L) Capacity building to support business development in rural and distressed areas is a key
28 component of economic development and revitalization efforts.

29 (m) Oregon's ports are important partners in the state's economic development efforts and are
30 key components of local and state economic development strategies.

31 (n) Improving and enhancing infrastructure is necessary to the state's future economic develop-

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 ment.

2 (o) Federal, state and local agencies working together will continue to enhance industrial site
3 development and other economic development activities.

4 (2) It is the purpose of ORS 284.101 to 284.148 and ORS chapters 285A, 285B and 285C to enable
5 the creation, retention, expansion and attraction of businesses that provide sustainable, living wage
6 jobs for Oregonians through public-private partnerships and leveraged funding and to support eco-
7 nomic opportunities for Oregon companies and entrepreneurs.

8 (3) The Legislative Assembly declares that it is the immediate economic strategy of the state to:

9 (a) Promote a favorable investment climate to strengthen businesses, create jobs and raise real
10 wages;

11 (b) Improve the national and global competitiveness of Oregon companies; *[and]*

12 (c) Assist and further efforts to retain, expand and attract businesses[.]; **and**

13 **(d) Assist in the development of quality, affordable child care for Oregonians by requiring**
14 **recipients of economic development assistance from state funds for workforce, housing and**
15 **public transit development projects to consider and plan for access to child care.**

16 (4) To promote the advancement of the Oregon economy and implement the immediate economic
17 strategy of the state, the Oregon Business Development Department shall invest resources in ac-
18 cordance with the following principles:

19 (a) Processes for making public investments and working with local and regional issues must
20 be designed for flexibility so that actions can adapt to the constantly changing conditions and de-
21 mands under which communities and businesses operate.

22 (b) Partnerships among local, state and federal governments and public and private organiza-
23 tions and entities should be strengthened to further the economic strategy of the state.

24 (c) The expected impact of public investment and assistance shall be identified, in terms of
25 measurable outcomes, whenever possible.

26 (d) State, federal and community goals, constraints and obligations should be identified at the
27 beginning of the planning process, and the state should work actively with community partners, re-
28 gions and state and local agencies to address and accomplish their mutual objectives.

29 **(e) Economic growth and workforce stability are enhanced by the creation and mainte-**
30 **nance of quality, affordable child care, and the state should require recipients of economic**
31 **development assistance for workforce, housing and public transit development projects to**
32 **consider and plan for access to child care.**

33 (5) When the department provides funds or assistance for projects, programs, technical support
34 or other authorized activities pursuant to ORS 284.101 to 284.148 and ORS chapters 285A, 285B and
35 285C, the department shall give priority to projects, programs and activities that:

36 (a) Retain and create jobs and raise real wages;

37 (b) Promote capacity building, emphasizing rural and distressed areas to further economic de-
38 velopment initiatives;

39 (c) Assist small business creation and expansion;

40 (d) Invest and engage in training a skilled workforce;

41 (e) Retain and expand existing companies and recruit new investment to Oregon;

42 (f) Capitalize on Oregon's competitive advantages and strategically invest resources to offset
43 competitive disadvantages;

44 (g) Support innovation and research;

45 (h) Assist industry clusters to succeed;

- 1 (i) Market Oregon’s advantages;
- 2 (j) Promote international trade and attract foreign direct investment;
- 3 (k) Support the development of industrial and commercial lands;
- 4 (L) Advance the efforts of ports to promote economic development activities; and
- 5 (m) Build capacity in Oregon’s arts and cultural organizations, creative businesses and individ-
- 6 ual artists.

7 **SECTION 2.** ORS 285A.075 is amended to read:

8 285A.075. (1) The Oregon Business Development Department shall:

9 (a) Implement programs and adopt rules in accordance with applicable provisions of ORS chap-
 10 ter 183 that are consistent and necessary to carry out the policies established by the Oregon Busi-
 11 ness Development Commission and the duties, functions and powers vested by law in the department.

12 (b) Act as the official state liaison agency for persons interested in locating industrial or busi-
 13 ness firms in the state and for state and local groups seeking new industry or business, and maintain
 14 the confidentiality of negotiations conducted pursuant to this paragraph, if requested.

15 (c) Coordinate state and federal economic and community development programs.

16 (d) Actively recruit domestic and international business firms to those communities desiring
 17 business recruitment.

18 (e) Work with existing Oregon companies to assist in their expansion or help them retain jobs
 19 in the state.

20 (f) Consult with local governments to establish regions for the purpose of job development to
 21 facilitate economic activities in the region. Regions established for this purpose need not be of the
 22 same size in geographic area or population.

23 (g) Establish and operate foreign trade offices in foreign countries in which the department
 24 considers a foreign trade office necessary. The department shall use department employees, con-
 25 tracts with public or private persons or a combination of employees and contractors to establish and
 26 operate foreign trade offices. Department employees, including managers, who are assigned to work
 27 in a foreign trade office shall be in the unclassified service, and the director shall set the salaries
 28 of such employees. ORS 276.428, 279A.120, 279A.140, 279A.155, 279A.275, 279B.025, 279B.235,
 29 279B.270, 279B.280, 279C.370, 279C.500 to 279C.530, 279C.540, 279C.545, 279C.800 to 279C.870,
 30 282.020, 282.050, 282.210, 282.220, 282.230, 283.140, 459A.475, 459A.490, 653.268 and 653.269 do not
 31 apply to the department’s operation of foreign trade offices outside the state.

32 (h) Consult with other state agencies and with local agencies and officials prior to defining or
 33 designating distressed areas for purposes of ORS 285A.020.

34 (i) Budget moneys for travel and various other expenses of industrial or commercial site location
 35 agents, film or video production location agents, business journal writers, elected state officials or
 36 other state personnel to accomplish the purposes of ORS 284.101 to 284.148 and ORS chapters 285A,
 37 285B and 285C. The department may expend moneys duly budgeted to pay the travel and other ex-
 38 penses of such persons if the director determines the expense may promote the purposes of this
 39 subsection.

40 (j) Promulgate rules to govern contracts.

41 (k) Develop strategies to address issues that are necessary and appropriate to Oregon’s future
 42 and adopt goals that include measurable indicators of success (Oregon benchmarks) that show the
 43 extent to which each goal is being achieved.

44 (L) Use practices and procedures that the department determines are the best practices for
 45 carrying out the duties of the department.

1 **(m) Require recipients of economic development assistance from state funds under pro-**
2 **grams administered by the department for workforce, housing and public transportation de-**
3 **velopment projects to consider and plan for access to quality, affordable child care.**

4 (2) The department shall have no regulatory power over the activities of private persons. Its
5 functions shall be solely advisory, coordinative and promotional.

6 (3) Notwithstanding ORS 279A.140, the department may award grants or enter into contracts
7 as necessary or appropriate to carry out the duties, functions and powers vested in the department
8 by law.

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