

# House Bill 2765

Sponsored by Representative SMITH DB (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**.

Provides grants to counties that received federal Secure Rural Schools program payments in calendar year 2008 equal to at least 30 percent of all moneys deposited into county general fund. Authorizes grants for projects to consolidate or share services among county and cities and special districts within county, in amount not to exceed \$150,000 per project. Sunsets July 1, 2029.

Establishes Oregon County Assistance Fund. Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Oregon County Assistance Fund for purpose of making grants.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to state grants to assist certain counties; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) This section applies to a county that received payments under the federal**  
5 **Secure Rural Schools program in calendar year 2008 in an amount that was equal to at least**  
6 **30 percent of all moneys deposited into the county general fund in the same period.**

7 **(2) The Department of Revenue shall make a grant to a county described in subsection**  
8 **(1) of this section in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for each project described in sub-**  
9 **section (3) of this section that is approved by the department under subsection (5) of this**  
10 **section.**

11 **(3) A county may receive a grant under this section for a project for consolidation or**  
12 **sharing of services among the county and the cities and special districts within the county.**

13 **(4)(a) A county wishing to receive a grant under this section must submit an application**  
14 **to the department that describes in detail the proposed consolidation or sharing of services.**  
15 **Preference shall be given to an application that demonstrates the inclusion and support of**  
16 **cities and special districts in the formulation of the project.**

17 **(b) The county shall provide additional information upon request of the department.**

18 **(5)(a) Within 60 days of receiving an application under subsection (4) of this section, the**  
19 **department shall reject or approve the application and notify the county of the decision.**

20 **(b) A rejection may not be appealed, but the county may apply for a grant at any time.**

21 **(c) If the department approves an application, the department shall make the grant in**  
22 **an amount determined by the department in its sole discretion from moneys in the Oregon**  
23 **County Assistance Fund established under section 2 of this 2021 Act.**

24 **(6) The department may adopt rules governing the implementation of this section.**

25 **SECTION 2. (1) The Oregon County Assistance Fund is established in the State Treasury,**  
26 **separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Oregon County Assist-**  
27 **ance Fund shall be credited to the fund.**

28 **(2) Moneys in the Oregon County Assistance Fund shall consist of:**

**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 (a) Amounts appropriated or otherwise transferred to the fund by the Legislative As-  
2 sembly;

3 (b) Other amounts deposited in or donated to the fund from any source, public or private;  
4 and

5 (c) Interest earned on moneys in the fund.

6 (3) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Department of Revenue for  
7 the purpose of making grants under section 1 of this 2021 Act.

8 SECTION 3. (1) Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on July 1, 2029.

9 (2) Section 2 of this 2021 Act is repealed on July 1, 2030.

10 SECTION 4. There is appropriated to the Department of Revenue, for the biennium be-  
11 ginning July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for deposit in the  
12 Oregon County Assistance Fund for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 1  
13 of this 2021 Act. This appropriation is available continuously until expended for the purpose  
14 specified in this section.

15 SECTION 5. Any moneys in the Oregon County Assistance Fund on July 1, 2030, that are  
16 uncommitted for the purpose specified in section 1 of this 2021 Act shall revert to the Gen-  
17 eral Fund and be available for general governmental purposes.

18 SECTION 6. This 2021 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2021  
19 regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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