House Bill 3376

Sponsored by Representative NOSSE

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.

Directs Oregon Business Development Department to develop and implement program to award grants to operators of movie theaters closed to public due to public health restrictions related to COVID-19.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to department for purposes of grant program.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to movie theaters; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, “movie theater” means a commercial indoor theater whose primary business use is the exhibition of motion pictures to the general public for a fee.

(2) The Oregon Business Development Department shall develop and implement a grant program to award grants to operators of movie theaters in Oregon.

(3) To be eligible for a grant under the program, a person must be an operator of a movie theater in Oregon that was closed to the general public for any period of time on or after March 13, 2020, as a result of public health restrictions related to COVID-19.

(4) The amount of a grant under the program is $50,000 for each movie theater, plus an additional $10,000 for each screen of the movie theater in excess of two screens.

(5) The department may award a maximum of one grant per movie theater.

(6) The department may adopt rules as necessary or convenient for the development and implementation of the program pursuant to this section.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated to the Oregon Business Development Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of $8,700,000 to carry out the provisions of section 1 of this 2021 Act.

SECTION 3. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect July 1, 2021.

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.

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