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House Bill 4060

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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.

[Authorizes Sustainability Board to hire employees for specified purposes.]

Directs Department of Transportation to establish program to provide administrative and technical assistance to certain entities in this state for activities related to certain federal funding opportunities.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to federal funding opportunities for natural resource programs; and declaring an emer-
3 gency.

4 Whereas federal funding and grant opportunities offer critical support for state programs, with
5 some states receiving greater support than others; and

6 Whereas the State of Oregon's percentage share of federal investment in certain program areas,
7 such as water infrastructure, saw declines in recent decades; and

8 Whereas improved coordination and technical support can help maximize Oregon's
9 competitiveness and access to federal resources, including resources for local communities that lack
10 capacity or experience underinvestment; now, therefore,

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

12 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Transportation shall establish a program to provide**
13 **administrative and technical assistance to any state agency, local government or community**
14 **organization in this state for activities related to federal funding opportunities that support**
15 **natural resource related priorities, programs or projects.**

16 **(2) Subject to the availability of funds appropriated therefor, the program shall provide**
17 **the following kinds of assistance to state agencies, local governments and community or-**
18 **ganizations in this state:**

19 **(a) Identifying, researching and raising awareness among state agencies and local com-**
20 **munities about relevant federal funding opportunities;**

21 **(b) Providing technical assistance, guidance or training as requested to help with appli-**
22 **cation for and compliance with relevant federal funding opportunities for state, local or other**
23 **entities;**

24 **(c) Identifying opportunities to build knowledge and capacity around relevant federal**
25 **funding opportunities within communities that have experienced underinvestment and across**
26 **a diversity of stakeholders that interact with Oregon's natural resource policies and pro-**

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 **grams;**

2 **(d) Supporting interagency coordination of the state’s relevant federal funding needs and**
3 **requests;**

4 **(e) Identifying gaps in state agency knowledge and capacity around relevant federal**
5 **funding opportunities and coordinating with state agencies to develop capacity to address**
6 **identified gaps; and**

7 **(f) Identifying availability of nonfederal matching resources necessary to qualify for rel-**
8 **evant federal funding opportunities.**

9 **(3) As used in this section, “local government” has the meaning given that term in ORS**
10 **174.116.**

11 **SECTION 2. This 2022 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
12 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2022 Act takes effect**
13 **on its passage.**

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