

# 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 **as introduced**.

Authorizes Sustainability Board to hire employees for specified purposes.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to federal funding opportunities for natural resource programs; amending ORS 184.429.

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

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5 Whereas the State of Oregon's percentage share of federal investment in certain program areas  
6 has decreased in recent decades, including decreasing from providing over 60 percent of the state's  
7 water infrastructure funding in 1977 to only 10 percent in 2014; and

8 Whereas improved coordination, oversight and technical support can help maximize Oregon's  
9 competitiveness and per capita share of federal resources; now, therefore,

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

11 **SECTION 1.** ORS 184.429 is amended to read:

12 184.429. (1) In addition to any other duties or powers provided by law, the Sustainability Board:

13 (a) Shall identify, evaluate, make recommendations and propose legislation, regulatory changes  
14 or policy modifications to agencies, the Governor, the Legislative Assembly, private entities or other  
15 bodies for the purpose of encouraging activities that best sustain, protect and enhance the quality  
16 of the environment, economy and community for the present and future benefit of Oregonians.

17 (b) Shall develop and promote policies and programs that will assist in the meeting of  
18 sustainability goals specified in ORS 184.423.

19 (c) Shall submit a biennial report to the Legislative Assembly by March 31 of each odd-numbered  
20 year on the board's activities and recommendations.

21 (d) May apply for and accept, from whatever source, appropriations, gifts or grants of money  
22 or other property. The board shall deposit moneys received under this paragraph into the State  
23 Treasury to the credit of the Sustainability Board Fund established under ORS 184.435.

24 (e) Shall consult with and seek comment from trade associations, organizations, businesses and  
25 other groups and individuals representing pertinent interests as part of developing recommendations.

26 (f) Shall develop and promote proposals that jointly and mutually enhance local economies, the  
27 environment and community health for the present and future benefit of Oregonians.

28 (2) Nothing in this section is meant to discourage or prohibit any person, group or committee  
29 from discussing or proposing mechanisms, including the modification of tax policies, to promote  
30 sustainability.

31 **(3) Subject to any applicable provisions of the State Personnel Relations Law, the board**

**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 may hire employees to aid it in performing, coordinating and facilitating activities related to  
2 federal funding opportunities that support natural resource programs and policies, including  
3 but not limited to:

4 (a) Identifying, tracking and raising awareness about relevant federal funding opportu-  
5 nities;

6 (b) Providing guidance, training and technical assistance to help potential applicants  
7 pursue and obtain federal support;

8 (c) Promoting interagency coordination regarding relevant funding needs and requests;

9 (d) Developing and maintaining clear needs assessments that grant applicants can use to  
10 support requests for federal investment in this state;

11 (e) Seeking to ensure clean compliance audits through responsible management and  
12 training on tracking and reporting; and

13 (f) Promoting availability of state matching dollars necessary to obtain federal funds.  
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