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SUMMARY

Digest: The Act would make grants available for youth sporting events. It takes effect when the Governor signs it. (Flesch Readability Score: 75.5).

Directs the Oregon Tourism Commission to develop, and coadminister with Sport Oregon, a program for awarding grants to local government bodies to help fund youth sporting events.

Sunsets January 2, 2027.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to sports; and declaring an emergency.

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

3 **SECTION 1. There is appropriated to the Oregon Tourism Commis-**
4 **sion, for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, out of the General Fund,**
5 **the amount of \$2,500,000 for the purpose of carrying out the provisions**
6 **of section 2 of this 2024 Act.**

7 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:**

8 **(a) “Local government body” means a local government as defined**
9 **in ORS 174.116 or a special government body as defined in ORS 174.117.**

10 **(b) “Youth sporting event” means any kind of sporting event for**
11 **participants most of whom are under the age of 25.**

12 **(2)(a) The Oregon Tourism Commission shall develop, and**
13 **coadminister with Sport Oregon in accordance with this section, a**
14 **program for awarding grants to local government bodies to help fund**
15 **youth sporting events using moneys appropriated under section 1 of**
16 **this 2024 Act. The commission may consult with Sport Oregon about**
17 **the development of the program.**
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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 **(b) To be eligible for a grant, a local government body must, at the**
2 **time of application:**

3 **(A) Be able to provide funding or other resources of its own; or**

4 **(B) Have secured other funding, in-kind donations or other re-**
5 **sources from any other public or private, nonprofit or for-profit,**
6 **source.**

7 **(c) A grant may not be awarded to any local government body in**
8 **an amount greater than \$100,000.**

9 **(3)(a) The commission shall prescribe an application process, in-**
10 **cluding forms and deadlines, by which a local government body may**
11 **apply for a grant under this section. The commission may consult with**
12 **Sport Oregon about the application process.**

13 **(b) At a minimum, the application form must require the applicant**
14 **to:**

15 **(A) Describe the nature of the sporting event for which a grant is**
16 **sought;**

17 **(B) State the age range of the participants;**

18 **(C) Set forth the source and amount of the funding described in**
19 **subsection (2)(b) of this section;**

20 **(D) Describe the potential impact of the youth sporting event on**
21 **youth sports in the local community;**

22 **(E) State the potential economic impact on local communities, in-**
23 **cluding, but not limited to, any increase in tourism or revenue for**
24 **small or local businesses; and**

25 **(F) Provide any other information the commission considers nec-**
26 **essary or important for reviewing applications.**

27 **(4)(a) Applications shall be submitted to Sport Oregon for a pre-**
28 **liminary review.**

29 **(b) Upon request, Sport Oregon may consult with an applicant**
30 **about its application, before or after submission.**

31 **(c) An applicant may amend and resubmit its application at any**

1 **time within the application period.**

2 **(5)(a) Sport Oregon shall review all timely and complete applica-**
3 **tions.**

4 **(b) Within 30 days following receipt of an application, Sport Oregon**
5 **shall:**

6 **(A) Approve the application for a grant in the amount requested;**

7 **(B) Approve the application for a grant in an amount other than**
8 **the amount requested; or**

9 **(C) Reject the application.**

10 **(c) As soon as practicable after making a decision under this sub-**
11 **section, Sport Oregon shall forward only approved applications, with**
12 **grant recommendations, to the commission.**

13 **(6) In reviewing applications, Sport Oregon shall:**

14 **(a) Give priority to applications that:**

15 **(A) Promise a greater impact on youth sports in the local commu-**
16 **nity;**

17 **(B) Promise a greater economic impact on local communities; and**

18 **(C) Show an ability to leverage partnerships; and**

19 **(b) Approve applications that, taken together, represent regional**
20 **diversity in Oregon.**

21 **(7)(a) Within 30 days following receipt of an application and grant**
22 **recommendation forwarded by Sport Oregon, the commission shall**
23 **make a final review of the application.**

24 **(b) The commission shall review Sport Oregon's decisions for com-**
25 **pliance with the provisions of this section. The commission may con-**
26 **sult with Sport Oregon about noncompliant decisions.**

27 **(c) The commission shall review Sport Oregon's recommended grant**
28 **amounts and approve, reject or modify the recommendations.**

29 **(d) The final decisions of the commission are not subject to appeal.**

30 **(8)(a) As soon as practicable after making final decisions under**
31 **subsection (7) of this section, the commission shall:**

1 (A) Notify Sport Oregon of the final decisions, giving reasons for
2 the decisions if the commission and Sport Oregon consider it neces-
3 sary.

4 (B) Offer a grant agreement to each approved applicant.

5 (b) Upon entering into a grant agreement with an approved appli-
6 cant, the commission shall distribute the approved grant amount to
7 the local government body.

8 (9) Not later than December 31, 2025, Sport Oregon shall submit to
9 the commission a report setting forth:

10 (a) The youth sporting events that have been sponsored with grant
11 moneys awarded under this section;

12 (b) A detailed list of what the grant moneys were used for;

13 (c) The impact each grant has had on:

14 (A) Youth sports in the local community; and

15 (B) The economy of local communities, including, but not limited
16 to, tourism and small or local businesses; and

17 (d) Any other information Sport Oregon considers necessary or
18 important for an evaluation of the grant program.

19 (10)(a) If the commission discovers that a local government body
20 used grant moneys for any purpose other than the purpose for which
21 its grant application was approved, the commission may recover the
22 amount of the grant.

23 (b) Any and all amounts required to be repaid under this subsection
24 shall be considered to be liquidated and delinquent, and the commis-
25 sion shall assign such amounts to the Department of Revenue for
26 collection as provided in ORS 293.250.

27 (c) All amounts repaid to the commission or the department under
28 this subsection, including grant amounts, penalties, interest, fees and
29 any other charges, shall be credited to the account of the commission.

30 (11) For activities undertaken pursuant to this section, the com-
31 mission shall distribute to Sport Oregon out of the moneys appropri-

1 ated under section 1 of this 2024 Act:

2 (a) An initial fee of up to \$50,000; and

3 (b) \$50,000 in advance of each calendar quarter for the duration of
4 the youth sports grant program.

5 SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2024 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.

6 SECTION 4. This 2024 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-
7 ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-
8 clared to exist, and this 2024 Act takes effect on its passage.

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