

HB 2911 -5, -6 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Economic Development and Small Business

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allocates \$20,000,000 to Oregon Business Development Department to develop and implement a program to award grants to Oregon cultural organizations and Oregon cultural support businesses based on earned revenue losses because of state mandates in response to COVID-19. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

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BACKGROUND:

House Bill 2911 allocates \$20,000,000 to Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) to develop and implement a program to award grants to Oregon cultural organizations and Oregon cultural support businesses based on earned revenue losses because of state mandates in response to COVID-19. The measure specifies that Oregon cultural organizations be awarded no less than 60 percent and no more than 80 percent of grant moneys and Oregon cultural support businesses no less than 20 percent and no more than 40 percent of grant moneys.

In addition, HB 2911 measure requires OBDD develop an equitable funding allocation with priority given according to the greatest ratio of an applicant's total lost earned revenue to the applicant's total earned revenue for each fiscal year, beginning with fiscal year 2019; develop award allocation options that take into account an equitable percentage of an applicant's fiscal size and eligible loss and available funding; and awards made proportionately among the geographic regions of this state.