

SB 1038 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Labor and Business

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Meeting Dates: 3/7, 3/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon Business Development Department to study how best to fund repairs to rodeos in small cities and communities in Oregon and submit report of findings to the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2024. Sunsets January 2, 2025.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Types of rodeos in Oregon: Professional, county, and community-based
- Measure applies to community-based rodeos
- Number of rodeo facilities in Oregon

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Removes provision directing Oregon Business Development Department (Department) to study and report on how best to fund repairs to rodeos in small cities and communities in Oregon. Directs Oregon Business Development Department to develop and administer grant program for community-based rodeo organizations for capital repairs. Specifies eligibility to receive grant moneys and use of grant moneys. Limits monetary award of grant to maximum of \$250,000 per rodeo organization. Specifies liability of rodeo organization for misuse of grant moneys. Provides penalty for misrepresentation by rodeo organization to obtain grant moneys. Appropriates \$5,000,000 General Fund to Department for grant program.

BACKGROUND:

Rodeo is a competitive sport which arose out of the working practices of cattle herding. Today, rodeos consist of events that involve horses and other livestock, designed to test the skill and speed of the athletes who participate. In 2013, the Legislative Assembly enacted House Bill 835 which, in part, prohibits treating rodeos less favorably than other organized events or exhibitions.

The Oregon Business Development Department (Department) is tasked with investing in Oregon businesses and communities. The Oregon Business Development Commission is comprised of nine members and oversees the development of economic policy and strategy and oversight of the Department.

Senate Bill 1038 directs the Oregon Business Development Department to study how best to fund repairs to rodeos in small cities and communities in Oregon.