

HB 2911 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Economic Development and Small Business

Action Date: 03/14/23

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.
(Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 10-0-1-0

Yeas: 10 - Bynum, Diehl, Elmer, Lively, Morgan, Nguyen D, Osborne, Pham H, Ruiz, Walters

Exc: 1 - Javadi

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 1/26, 3/7, 3/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) to develop and implement program to award grants to county fair operators for repair, maintenance, and operation of county fairgrounds. To be eligible for grant, county fair operator must demonstrate that, at any time after February 29, 2020, and before June 30, 2023, county fair operator or county fairgrounds operation experienced significant loss in earned revenue due to statewide mandates or guidance of Oregon Health Authority, in response to COVID-19 pandemic. Appropriates \$10 million to be deposited into Oregon Business, Innovation and Trade Fund. Directs OBDD to develop and implement program to award grants to county fair operators for repair, maintenance, and operation of county fairgrounds. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- How the program would distribute awards proportionally
- The amount withheld to reimburse the department for the actual costs of developing and implementing the program

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 2911 A appropriates \$10 million to Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) to be deposited into the Oregon Business, Innovation and Trade Fund. The measure directs OBDD to develop and implement a program to award grants to county fair operators for repair, maintenance, and operation of county fairgrounds. A county fair operator must be able to demonstrate a loss in earned revenue because of statewide mandates in response to COVID-19.