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House Bill 2510

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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.

Removes requirement that amount of net proceeds from Oregon State Lottery allocated to County Fair Account not exceed $1.53 million annually. Allocates eight-tenths of one percent of net proceeds from lottery to County Fair Account and two-tenths of one percent of net proceeds from lottery to Horse Racing Account.

Requires Oregon Business Development Department to prepare and report master plan for county fairground capital construction. Specifies content and procedural requirements for report.

Appropriates moneys to department out of General Fund for consultant services related to report.

Establishes Horse Racing Account separate and distinct from General Fund.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to county fairs; creating new provisions; amending ORS 565.447; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 565.447 is amended to read:

565.447. (1) Subject only to the availability of unobligated net lottery proceeds, there is allocated from the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund to:

(a) The County Fair Account created under ORS 565.445 an amount equal to eight-tenths of one percent of the net proceeds from the Oregon State Lottery, but not to exceed $1.53 million annually, adjusted biennially pursuant to an inflation factor determined by dividing the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, West Region (All Items), as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor, for January 1 immediately preceding commencement of the biennium, by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers of the Portland, Oregon, Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area, as compiled by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for January 1, 2001.; and

(b) The Horse Racing Account created under section 5 of this 2023 Act an amount equal to two-tenths of one percent of the net proceeds from the Oregon State Lottery.

(2) The allocation of moneys from the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund under this section is subject to the requirements in section 4, Article XV of the Oregon Constitution, for deposit of specified amounts of the net proceeds from the Oregon State Lottery into the Education Stability Fund and into the Parks and Natural Resources Fund and shall be made only after satisfaction or payment of:

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.

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(a) Amounts allocated to Westside lottery bonds issued under ORS 391.140 or to the reserves or any refunding related to the Westside lottery bonds in accordance with the priority for allocation and disbursement established by ORS 391.130;

(b) All liens, pledges or other obligations relating to lottery bonds or refunding lottery bonds due or payable during the year for which an allocation is to be made; and

(c) Amounts required by any other pledges of, or liens on, net proceeds from the Oregon State Lottery.

SECTION 2. (1) The Oregon Business Development Department shall develop a master plan for county fairground capital construction. The master plan shall consist of five-year and 10-year capital construction plans for each county fairground in this state and any findings or recommendations of the department regarding county fairground capital construction.

(2) The department shall retain a consultant to work with each county fair board, the board of directors for each fair association exercising powers under ORS 565.268 and the board of each fair district operating under ORS 565.275 to identify the five-year and 10-year capital construction needs for county fairground facilities. The department shall work with the consultant in developing the master plan for county fairground capital construction, in consultation with the Oregon Racing Commission.

(3) The department shall complete the master plan and shall report the plan in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 to the Legislative Assembly during the 2025 regular session. The department shall provide copies of the report to each county fair board and to the boards for each fair association and fair district.

SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Business Development Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of $250,000, which may be expended by the department for consultant services described under section 2 of this 2023 Act.

SECTION 4. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is repealed on July 1, 2025.

SECTION 5. (1) The Horse Racing Account is established separate and distinct from the General Fund. The account shall consist of moneys deposited in the account under ORS 565.447 (1)(b). The moneys in the account are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services to be used as provided in subsection (2) of this section.

(2) After consultation with the Oregon Racing Commission, the department shall use the moneys in the account to support horse racing events held on fairgrounds in Crook County, Josephine County, Tillamook County and Union County by:

(a) Maintaining horse racing tracks at the fairgrounds.

(b) Advertising and promoting the horse racing events.

(c) Establishing incentives to increase participation in, and attendance at, the horse racing events.

(d) Purchasing horse racing equipment for use at the horse racing events.

(e) Operating the horse racing events, including for the costs of security, staffing, administration and insurance.

SECTION 6. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect on its passage.