

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2799

Ordered by the House March 28
Including House Amendments dated March 28

Sponsored by Representative OWENS, Senator FINDLEY, Representative LEVY B; Representative RESCHKE
(Presession filed.)

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.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Transportation for grants to erect and maintain livestock safety fencing along portions of state highway where there is high risk of conflict between traveling public and livestock.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to highways; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Transportation shall establish a program to award**
5 **grants to public and private entities for erecting and maintaining livestock safety fencing**
6 **along state highways.**

7 **(2) The department shall adopt rules to administer the grant program. The rules must:**

8 **(a) Specify the application process and eligibility criteria for the grant program;**

9 **(b) Include a methodology for identifying those portions of the state highways that are**
10 **at high risk of conflict between the traveling public and livestock;**

11 **(c) Include requirements for wildlife-friendly fencing that facilitates safe passage of**
12 **wildlife; and**

13 **(d) Establish a method for reviewing and approving grant applications and distributing**
14 **grant funds.**

15 **(3) The department shall convene an advisory group consisting of stakeholders that rep-**
16 **resent the interests of affected counties and property owners. The group shall advise the**
17 **department on:**

18 **(a) Identifying high risk portions of the state highways; and**

19 **(b) Eligibility criteria, the applicant selection process and expectations for recipients of**
20 **grants awarded under this section.**

21 **(4) The department may adopt rules as necessary to implement the provisions of this**
22 **section.**

23 **SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
24 **ated to the Department of Transportation, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the**
25 **General Fund, the amount of \$500,000, to administer and award grants under section 1 of this**
26 **2023 Act.**

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 **SECTION 3. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
2 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect**
3 **July 1, 2023.**

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