

House Bill 2821

Sponsored by Representative EVANS (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

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Requires nonprofit corporations that meet certain requirements, including receipt of public funds, to comply with open meetings law and public records law, to post copy of corporation's proposed annual budget to corporation's public website and to submit to and cooperate with audit. Subjects members of corporation's board of directors and officers and employees of corporation to government ethics standards.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to nonprofit corporations that receive public funds; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 65.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:**

6 (a) "Public body" has the meaning given that term in ORS 174.109.

7 (b) "Public funds" means funds that an officer or employee of this state or of a political
8 subdivision or municipal corporation of this state has custody of or controls by law or by
9 virtue of the officer's or employee's office.

10 (2) A corporation that engages in business in this state is subject to the requirements
11 of subsection (3) of this section if the corporation:

12 (a) Has gross annual revenues of more than \$100,000 or has 25 or more full-time or
13 part-time employees;

14 (b) Receives public funds in any amount or receives a public benefit in the form of a tax
15 credit or tax deduction that is available only to a corporation organized under this chapter;
16 and

17 (c)(A) Performs a governmental function by means of a contract or another written del-
18 egation of a governmental function; or

19 (B) Sets or implements a policy that controls or influences an expenditure, disbursement
20 or distribution of public funds or that designates a recipient of public funds.

21 (3)(a) A corporation described in subsection (2) of this section shall:

22 (A) Hold meetings of the corporation's board of directors in accordance with ORS 192.610
23 to 192.690.

24 (B) Post a copy of the corporation's proposed annual budget on the corporation's public
25 website at least 30 days before the corporation takes action to adopt the budget. The budget
26 must identify the source of any public funds in the budget and the expenditures the corpo-
27 ration proposes to make from the public funds.

28 (C) Submit to and cooperate with audits of the corporation's finances conducted by the
29 Secretary of State or the public body that provided the corporation with public funds or by

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 designees of the Secretary of State or the public body.

2 (D) Make records that the corporation keeps under ORS 65.771 available in accordance
 3 with ORS 192.311 to 192.478, except that the corporation may redact from a record informa-
 4 tion that personally identifies a member or employee of the corporation, other than by first
 5 and last name, before disclosing the record.

6 (b) A member of the board of directors of a corporation described in subsection (2) of this
 7 section, or an officer or employee of the corporation, in addition to and not in lieu of pro-
 8 visions in this chapter that govern the board member's, officer's or employee's conduct with
 9 respect to the corporation, including but not limited to ORS 65.357, 65.361, 65.364, 65.367,
 10 65.369 and 65.377, is subject to the provisions of ORS chapter 244. To the extent that a con-
 11 flict exists between a provision of ORS chapter 65 identified in this paragraph and a provision
 12 of ORS chapter 244, the provisions of ORS chapter 65 identified in this paragraph control.

13 (4) A public body that provides a corporation with public funds or a public benefit de-
 14 scribed in subsection (2)(b) of this section shall monitor the corporation's compliance with
 15 subsection (3) of this section. The public body may designate or enter into an agreement with
 16 another public body to carry out the public body's responsibilities under this subsection.

17 (5)(a) A corporation described in subsection (2) of this section that does not comply with
 18 the provisions of subsection (3) of this section, at the discretion of the public body that
 19 provided the corporation with public funds or a public benefit described in subsection (2)(b)
 20 of this section, is subject to:

21 (A) A demand for repayment of public funds or the equivalent value of a public benefit
 22 described in subsection (2)(b) of this section that the corporation received from the public
 23 body; and

24 (B) A denial of public funds or a public benefit described in subsection (2)(b) of this sec-
 25 tion for a period of 10 years.

26 (b) A public body that provides a corporation with public funds or a public benefit de-
 27 scribed in subsection (2)(b) of this section may enter into an assurance of voluntary compli-
 28 ance with the corporation before imposing a sanction described in paragraph (a) of this
 29 subsection.

30 (c) The Secretary of State shall, under ORS 65.647, administratively dissolve a corpo-
 31 ration that shows a pattern of repeated violations of subsection (3) of this section or that
 32 fails to comply with the terms of an assurance of voluntary compliance that a public body
 33 negotiates with the corporation.

34 (d) A member of the board of directors or an officer of a corporation that the Secretary
 35 of State administratively dissolves under paragraph (c) of this subsection may not serve as
 36 a member of the board of directors or an officer of another corporation for a period of not
 37 less than 10 years. The Secretary of State by rule shall specify procedures for enforcing the
 38 provision described in this paragraph.

39 **SECTION 3.** (1) Section 2 of this 2023 Act becomes operative January 1, 2024.

40 (2) The Secretary of State and a public body that provides public funds or a public benefit
 41 described in section 2 (2)(b) of this 2023 Act may adopt, as appropriate, rules, resolutions or
 42 ordinances before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that are nec-
 43 essary to enable the Secretary of State or the public body to undertake and exercise, on and
 44 after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions
 45 and powers conferred on the Secretary of State or the public body by section 2 of this 2023

1 **Act.**

2 **SECTION 4. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
3 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect**
4 **on its passage.**

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