House Bill 2909

Sponsored by Representatives GOMBERG, OWENS, SMITH G, MARSH (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 as introduced.

Appropriates moneys to Oregon Department of Administrative Services for distribution to Oregon Coast Visitors Association to be expended on various projects. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to an appropriation for economic development; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of $1,190,000, for distribution to the Oregon Coast Visitors Association to be expended in accordance with section 2 of this 2023 Act.

SECTION 2. Moneys distributed to the Oregon Coast Visitors Association by the Oregon Department of Administrative Services under section 1 of this 2023 Act shall be expended in the following amounts for the following purposes:

1. $190,000 to develop a geographic information systems tool for food systems with blue economy layers. The tool shall be developed to connect food producers and food technology businesses to suitable sites for start-up or expansion with the goal of capturing more value from Oregon's natural resources and agricultural and seafood industries.

2. $700,000 to fill gaps in regional food system aggregation and production infrastructure and leverage existing regional food system coordination capacity in such a way as to immediately benefit Oregon businesses. Improvements funded under this subsection shall be:
   (a) The development of coastal ports mariculture and a coculture facility in partnership with the Oregon Kelp Alliance;
   (b) The installation of a shared-use certified commercial kitchen, processing center and cold storage at the Newport Seafood Analytical Lab of the Coastal Oregon Marine Experiment Station; and
   (c) The development of a mobile processing unit to be shared across multiple port districts that will support multiple seafood producers.

3. $300,000 to support existing businesses connected to the projects funded under subsections (1) and (2) of this section and those businesses identified in a technical assistance survey for rural seafood businesses that is currently being conducted and coproduced by the Oregon Coast Visitors Association, the Oregon State University Food Innovation Center and the Oregon State University Seafood Research and Education Center, each of which will administer the technical assistance provided under this subsection.

SECTION 3. 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.