

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2911

By COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SMALL BUSINESS

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after the first semicolon delete the rest of the line.

2 In line 3, delete “ORS 285B.290;”.

3 Delete lines 5 through 30 and delete pages 2 and 3 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. There is allocated for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, from the Ad-**
5 **ministrative Services Economic Development Fund, to the Oregon Business Development**
6 **Department, the amount of \$10,000,000, for deposit in the Oregon Business, Innovation and**
7 **Trade Fund created under ORS 285A.227, to be used for the purpose of awarding grants under**
8 **section 2 of this 2023 Act.**

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

10 **“(a) ‘County fair’ and ‘county fairgrounds’ have the meanings given those terms in ORS**
11 **565.010.**

12 **“(b) ‘County fair operator’ means a county fair board, fair association or fair district that**
13 **operates a county fair.**

14 **“(c)(A) ‘Earned revenue’ means revenue from the sale of goods or services, including, but**
15 **not limited to, admission tickets, charges for services, rentals, permits and fees, merchan-**
16 **dise, food and beverages, advertising and contracted services and performances.**

17 **“(B) ‘Earned revenue’ does not include other sources of revenue, including, but not lim-**
18 **ited to, donations, federal, state and local governmental grants or returns on investments.**

19 **“(d) ‘Fair association’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 565.268.**

20 **“(e) ‘Fair district’ means an entity described in ORS 565.275.**

21 **“(2) The Oregon Business Development Department shall develop and implement a pro-**
22 **gram for awarding grants directly to county fair operators for the operation of county fairs**
23 **and the maintenance and repair of county fairgrounds.**

24 **“(3) To be eligible for a grant, a county fair operator must demonstrate to the**
25 **department’s satisfaction that, at any time after February 29, 2020, and before June 30, 2023,**
26 **the operator experienced a significant loss in earned revenue from the operation of a county**
27 **fair or county fairgrounds because of statewide mandates, or guidance of the Oregon Health**
28 **Authority, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

29 **“(4)(a) The department shall prescribe the form and process, including the application**
30 **period, by which county fair operators may apply for and be awarded grants under the pro-**
31 **gram.**

32 **“(b) Applications must, at a minimum, require applicants to state their lost earned re-**
33 **venue as described in subsection (3) of this section.**

34 **“(c) For purposes of reviewing applications, the department may require applicants to**
35 **provide:**

1 “(A) The applicant’s federal tax return for the periods to which the application relates;
2 and

3 “(B) Financial documentation, including, but not limited to, audited financial statements
4 or financial statements that have been approved by a certified public accountant.

5 “(5) The department shall award grants to reimburse county fair operators for lost
6 earned revenue supported by their applications as follows:

7 “(a) If the total of all grant award amounts exceeds \$10 million, the amounts shall be
8 reduced proportionally until they equal \$10 million; or

9 “(b) If the total of all grant award amounts is less than \$10 million, the amounts shall
10 be increased proportionally until they equal \$10 million.

11 “(6) Before awarding grants, the department may withhold an amount not to exceed
12 three percent of the total amount allocated under section 1 of this 2023 Act to reimburse the
13 department for the actual costs of developing and implementing the program.

14 “SECTION 3. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
15 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect
16 on its passage.”.

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