Senate Bill 630

Sponsored by Senator MEEK; Representatives BYNUM, GOMBERG, HIEB, MORGAN (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.

Authorizes issuance of lottery bonds and transfer of net proceeds to Oregon Business Development Department. Directs department to use proceeds to award grants to developers for development of housing on former landfill sites.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

SECTION 1. (1) For the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, at the request of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, after the department consults with the Oregon Business Development Department, the State Treasurer is authorized to issue lottery bonds pursuant to ORS 286A.560 to 286A.585 in an amount that produces $15 million in net proceeds, plus an additional amount estimated by the State Treasurer to be necessary to pay bond-related costs.

(2) Net proceeds of lottery bonds issued under this section shall be transferred to the Oregon Business Development Department for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 2 of this 2023 Act.

(3) The Legislative Assembly finds that the use of lottery bond proceeds will create jobs, further economic development, finance public education or restore and protect parks, beaches, watersheds and native fish and wildlife, and is authorized based on the finding that the development of housing on former landfill sites will enhance the economic viability of the region, create jobs and improve the quality of life for the community.

SECTION 2. (1) The Oregon Business Development Department shall use the net proceeds of the lottery bonds issued under section 1 of this 2023 Act to award grants to developers to fund the development of former landfill sites.

(2)(a) The site of the proposed development must be:

(A) A former landfill site that has been approved by a local government for mixed use development; and

(B) Located within an urban growth boundary.

(b) The majority of the proposed development site must:

(A) Be designated by the Department of Environmental Quality as a brownfield site; and

(B)(i) Have a hazardous waste site identification number, also known as an RCRA Site ID, from the United States Environmental Protection Agency; or

(ii) Be included in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Information System database.

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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(c) The proposed development must include at least 500 housing units.

(3)(a) The Oregon Business Development Department shall prescribe the form and manner in which developers may apply for grants under this section.

(b) An application must include:

(A) Information and documentation showing that the proposed development and site meet the requirements set forth in subsection (2) of this section; and

(B) Any other information or material the department requires.

(c) The application deadline is September 30, 2023.

(4)(a) The department shall review all timely and complete applications and, not later than December 31, 2023, notify each applicant of the approval or rejection of the application.

(b) The rejection of an application may not be appealed.

(c) Work on the proposed development must begin within one year following the date on which a developer enters into a grant agreement with the department pursuant to this section and the grant agreement shall so provide.

(5) Not later than one year following the completion of cleanup and mitigation efforts at the site for which the grant was awarded, the department, working with the grant recipient, shall submit a report, in the manner required under ORS 192.245, to the committees of the Legislative Assembly related to economic development, that includes:

(a) A summary of the cleanup and mitigation efforts at the site;

(b) What the developers learned from the experience of developing the site;

(c) Recommendations for developers undertaking similar efforts in the future; and

(d) Any other information the department considers important to include in the report.

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.