Senate Bill 1021

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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.

Directs Legislative Assembly to allocate moneys to members for distribution. Establishes procedure for members of Legislative Assembly to direct distribution of moneys to local governments, special government bodies or certain nonprofit organizations. Establishes restrictions on distributions. Directs Legislative Assembly to appropriate moneys for distributions.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to state financial administration; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) In each biennium, the Legislative Assembly shall allocate moneys to each member of the Legislative Assembly for distribution as described in this section.

(2) The Legislative Assembly shall allocate a minimum of $2 million to each member of the House of Representatives and a minimum of $4 million to each member of the Senate.

(3) Each member of the Legislative Assembly may direct the distribution of amounts allocated to the member to one or more recipient entities, subject to the limitations in subsections (4) and (5) of this 2023 Act.

(4) Recipient entities must be:

(a) A local government;

(b) A special government body; or

(c) A nonprofit organization that:

(A) Has been recognized as tax exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code for at least three years as of July 1 of the year in which the distribution is made; and

(B) Maintains a place of business in the member’s district or has performed work in the member’s district within one year of July 1 of the year in which the distribution is made.

(5) A member of the Legislative Assembly may not direct the distribution of moneys under this section to an entity if the member, a relative of the member or a relative of the member’s spouse or domestic partner:

(a) Has any pecuniary interest in the entity;

(b) Is employed by the entity;

(c) Serves as a director, however denominated, for the entity; or

(d) May derive personal benefit in any way from a distribution to the entity, except to the extent the distribution would affect to the same degree a class consisting of all inhabitants of the locality in which the entity operates or is located.

(6) Each biennium, the Legislative Assembly shall appropriate moneys from the General Fund to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services in an amount sufficient to pay...
for amounts allocated to members under this section. In the appropriation measure, the Legislative Assembly shall incorporate, by reference or otherwise, the list of recipients to which members have directed distributions and the amounts of such distributions.

(7) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall make the distributions directed by members of the Legislative Assembly under this section no later than December 31 of the first year of the biennium.

(8) As used in this section:

(a) “Local government” has the meaning given that term in ORS 174.116.

(b) “Relative” means a spouse or domestic partner, child, parent, stepparent, grandchild, grandparent, stepgrandparent, sibling, stepsibling, niece, nephew or first cousin, or a spouse or domestic partner of any of the foregoing.

(c) “Special government body” has the meaning given that term in ORS 174.117.

SECTION 2. 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.

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