

Requested by Representative PHAM K

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2605**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “journalism” delete the rest of
2 the line and insert a period.

3 Delete lines 4 through 30 and delete pages 2 and 3 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services**
5 **shall issue grants to the recipients specified in this subsection. Prior**
6 **to disbursing grant moneys, the department shall execute a grant**
7 **agreement with the recipients requiring the recipients to carry out the**
8 **duties set forth in this section. The department shall issue grants to:**

9 **“(a) The University of Oregon for the Agora Journalism Center; and**

10 **“(b) The Fund for Oregon Rural Journalism.**

11 **“(2) The recipients shall convene a work group that, to the greatest**
12 **extent possible, includes representation of all of the following:**

13 **“(a) Organizations supporting local journalism or representing local**
14 **journalistic publications in Oregon;**

15 **“(b) Academic departments related to journalism;**

16 **“(c) Nonprofit organizations performing work related to journalism;**

17 **“(d) The philanthropic sector; and**

18 **“(e) Civic organizations in Oregon.**

19 **“(3) The work group shall:**

20 **“(a) Define and identify the attributes of Oregon’s local journalistic**
21 **publications;**

1 **“(b) Research local news and information ecosystems across this**
2 **state, especially those serving rural, underserved and other hard-to-**
3 **reach communities, including multilingual, non-English and ethnically**
4 **specific media ecosystems; and**

5 **“(c) Identify and amplify community-centered, solutions-oriented**
6 **journalism within and outside of this state and beyond to serve as**
7 **models for other communities to replicate.**

8 **“(4) On or before December 1, 2024, the work group shall prepare**
9 **and make publicly available a report on its findings, which may in-**
10 **clude recommendations for legislation.**

11 **“(5) The work group shall create a local journalism resource center**
12 **to provide resources to support local journalism, including:**

13 **“(a) Connecting publishers with local or nationwide resources for**
14 **assistance, training, collaborations and philanthropic opportunities;**

15 **“(b) Providing short-term grants for tools and technology to sup-**
16 **port sustainability and growth of local journalism; and**

17 **“(c) Placing journalists to provide local news in communities**
18 **underserved by local journalism.**

19 **“(6) The work group shall develop and implement a program to is-**
20 **sue subgrants to fund initiatives to meet the local information needs**
21 **of communities in Oregon. The work group shall develop and publish**
22 **application procedures and selection criteria for such subgrants. The**
23 **work group shall fund subgrants out of moneys granted under this**
24 **section.**

25 **“SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2,**
26 **2026.**

27 **“SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-**
28 **ation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Department of Administra-**
29 **tive Services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the**
30 **General Fund, the amount of \$2,900,000 to issue grants under section**

1 **1 of this 2023 Act in the following amounts:**

2 **“(1) \$1,210,000 for the University of Oregon for the Agora**
3 **Journalism Center; and**

4 **“(2) \$1,690,000 for the Fund for Oregon Rural Journalism.”.**

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