

Requested by Representative OWENS

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 3349**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, delete “creating new provisions;
2 amending ORS 284.754;”.

3 Delete lines 5 through 28.

4 Delete pages 2 through 9 and insert:

5 **“SECTION 1. (1)(a) The Higher Education Coordinating Commis-**
6 **sion, in consultation with the Oregon Department of Administrative**
7 **Services, shall enter into an agreement with Oregon Solutions at**
8 **Portland State University to:**

9 **“(A) Assess interest in and convene, as appropriate, entities to**
10 **collaboratively develop an infrastructure funding readiness hub, as**
11 **described in subsection (2) of this section; and**

12 **“(B) Enter into agreements with the entities described in subsection**
13 **(4) of this section to perform the functions of funding navigators, as**
14 **provided in subsection (3) of this section.**

15 **“(b) The agreement entered into under paragraph (a)(A) of this**
16 **subsection shall provide for the amount of \$300,000 to be paid to**
17 **Oregon Solutions to facilitate the collaborative development of the**
18 **infrastructure funding readiness hub.**

19 **“(2)(a) The purpose of the infrastructure funding readiness hub is**
20 **to improve, for communities in this state, awareness of and access to**
21 **state and federal funding opportunities related to natural or built**

1 **infrastructure, including the ability to manage and successfully ex-**
2 **pend funds. The infrastructure funding readiness hub shall place par-**
3 **ticular emphasis on capacities to access and secure near-term federal**
4 **funding opportunities. The infrastructure funding readiness hub shall**
5 **include, but need not be limited to, the following components:**

6 **“(A) An inventory of funding opportunities related to natural or**
7 **built infrastructure;**

8 **“(B) Systems or processes to track state matching fund needs;**

9 **“(C) Mechanisms for ongoing statewide coordination to increase**
10 **funding readiness, with particular emphasis on opportunities to in-**
11 **crease federal funding readiness;**

12 **“(D) Recommendations to better align state and federal funding**
13 **opportunities;**

14 **“(E) Identification of the needs of environmental justice communi-**
15 **ties, as defined in ORS 182.535, communities that have experienced**
16 **historic lack of investment, communities that have infrastructure in**
17 **need of critical upgrades and communities that have limited**
18 **infrastructure, and opportunities to increase the federal funding**
19 **readiness of those communities; and**

20 **“(F) Mechanisms to track the benefits and outcomes of a coordi-**
21 **nated approach to infrastructure funding readiness.**

22 **“(b) In developing the infrastructure funding readiness hub, Oregon**
23 **Solutions at Portland State University shall coordinate with the office**
24 **of the Governor, the Regional Solutions Program established under**
25 **ORS 284.754, the entities described in subsection (4) of this section,**
26 **state agencies with programs related to infrastructure funding and**
27 **other relevant entities. Oregon Solutions at Portland State University**
28 **may award grants or stipends to entities that participate in the**
29 **collaborative development of the infrastructure funding readiness hub.**

30 **“(c) Oregon Solutions at Portland State University, in coordination**

1 with the entities described in subsection (4) of this section, shall submit
2 a report on the development of the infrastructure funding readiness
3 hub, in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, to the appropriate
4 interim committees of the Legislative Assembly no later than December
5 31, 2024.

6 “(3) Working in coordination with the infrastructure funding readiness
7 hub, funding navigators shall perform, or enter into contracts
8 to have performed, functions in their respective areas of expertise that
9 include but are not limited to:

10 “(a) Increasing access to information, resources and assistance for
11 navigating available funding opportunities related to natural or built
12 infrastructure, with a focus on near-term federal funding opportunities;
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14 “(b) Developing an inventory of state matching funds needed to secure
15 federal funding for natural or built infrastructure;

16 “(c) Identifying barriers to accessing state and federal funding opportunities,
17 or securing state or local matching funds, for natural or built infrastructure
18 and providing recommendations to address barriers; and
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20 “(d) Assessing and supporting capacity at the community level to
21 secure and expend infrastructure funding.

22 “(4)(a) Oregon Solutions at Portland State University shall enter
23 into agreements with the following entities to perform the functions
24 of a funding navigator:

25 “(A) The League of Oregon Cities, to perform the functions of a
26 funding navigator as they relate to cities.

27 “(B) The Association of Oregon Counties, to perform the functions
28 of a funding navigator as they relate to counties.

29 “(C) The Special Districts Association of Oregon, to perform the
30 functions of a funding navigator as they relate to special districts.

1 **“(D) The Oregon Economic Development Districts Association, to**
2 **perform the functions of a funding navigator as they relate to eco-**
3 **nomi c development districts and partner organizations.**

4 **“(E) The Oregon Conservation Partnership, to perform the func-**
5 **tions of a funding navigator as they relate to conservation groups.**

6 **“(F) The Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Economic Develop-**
7 **ment Corporation, to perform the functions of a funding navigator as**
8 **they relate to tribal governments.**

9 **“(G) The Oregon Community Foundation, to perform the functions**
10 **of a funding navigator as they relate to community-based organiza-**
11 **tions.**

12 **“(b) The agreements entered into under this subsection shall pro-**
13 **vide for the amount of \$300,000 to be paid to each of the entities de-**
14 **scribed in paragraph (a)(A) to (G) of this subsection to perform the**
15 **functions of a funding navigator.**

16 **“SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-**
17 **ation, there is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating**
18 **Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the Gen-**
19 **eral Fund, the amount of \$2,400,000, which may be expended for en-**
20 **tering into the agreement with Oregon Solutions at Portland State**
21 **University described in section 1 of this 2023 Act.**

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