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Senate Bill 1539

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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. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act would make grants available for youth sporting events. It takes effect when the Governor signs it. (Flesch Readability Score: 75.5).

Directs the [*Oregon Tourism Commission*] **Sport Oregon Foundation** to develop[, and coadminister with *Sport Oregon*,] **and administer** a program for awarding grants to local government bodies **and nonprofit organizations** to help fund youth sporting events.

Sunset January 2, 2027.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to sports; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. There is appropriated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services,**
5 **for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$1,500,000 for**
6 **distribution to the Sport Oregon Foundation for the purpose of carrying out the provisions**
7 **of section 2 of this 2024 Act.**

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

9 **(a) "Internal Revenue Code" has the meaning given that term in ORS 305.842.**

10 **(b) "Local government body" means a local government, as defined in ORS 174.116, or a**
11 **special government body, as defined in ORS 174.117.**

12 **(c) "Nonprofit organization" means an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the**
13 **Internal Revenue Code that is exempt from income taxation under section 501(a) of the**
14 **Internal Revenue Code.**

15 **(d) "Youth sporting event" means any kind of sporting event for participants most of**
16 **whom are under the age of 25.**

17 **(2)(a) The Sport Oregon Foundation shall develop and administer, in accordance with this**
18 **section, a program for awarding grants to local government bodies and nonprofit organiza-**
19 **tions to help fund youth sporting events using moneys appropriated under section 1 of this**
20 **2024 Act.**

21 **(b) To be eligible for a grant, a local government body or nonprofit organization must,**
22 **at the time of application:**

23 **(A) Be able to provide a minimum level of funding or other resources of its own; or**

24 **(B) Have secured other funding, in-kind donations or other resources from any other**

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.

1 public or private, nonprofit or for-profit, source.

2 (3)(a) The foundation shall prescribe an application process, including forms and dead-
3 lines, by which a local government body or nonprofit organization may apply for a grant
4 under this section.

5 (b) At a minimum, the application form must require the applicant to:

6 (A) Describe the nature of the sporting event for which a grant is sought;

7 (B) State the age ranges of the participants;

8 (C) Set forth the source and amount of the funding described in subsection (2)(b) of this
9 section;

10 (D) Describe the potential beneficial impacts of the youth sporting event, including, but
11 not limited to:

12 (i) The potential economic impacts on local communities, such as increases in tourism
13 or revenue for local businesses; and

14 (ii) The potential beneficial impacts for youth who are participating in the event; and

15 (E) Provide any other information the foundation considers necessary or relevant for
16 reviewing applications.

17 (4)(a) The foundation shall review all timely and complete applications.

18 (b) In reviewing applications the foundation shall give priority to applications that will:

19 (A) Provide greater beneficial outcomes for youth sports in the local community;

20 (B) Enhance the physical and mental health of youth in the local community and the
21 youth participating in the sporting event;

22 (C) Generate greater economic impacts for local businesses and organizations; and

23 (D) Show an ability to leverage other funds, sponsorships or partnerships.

24 (c) The foundation shall approve applications that, taken together, represent regional
25 diversity in Oregon.

26 (5) The foundation shall submit to an interim subcommittee of the interim Joint Com-
27 mittee on Ways and Means related to economic development status updates setting forth:

28 (a) The youth sporting events that were funded with grants awarded under this section;

29 (b) The amount that was requested and the amount of the grants awarded;

30 (c) The beneficial impacts that the grant moneys had on:

31 (A) Youth participating in the sporting events and their families;

32 (B) The economy of local communities, including, but not limited to, tourism and small
33 or local businesses; and

34 (C) Where possible, how the sporting events enhanced the physical and mental health of
35 youth in Oregon; and

36 (d) Other relevant information.

37 (6) To compensate the foundation for its administration of the grant program under this
38 section, the foundation shall withhold from the moneys distributed to it by the Oregon De-
39 partment of Administrative Services in accordance with section 1 of this 2024 Act:

40 (a) An initial fee of up to \$50,000; and

41 (b) \$50,000 for each calendar quarter for the duration of the grant program.

42 **SECTION 3.** Section 2 of this 2024 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.

43 **SECTION 4.** This 2024 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
44 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2024 Act takes effect
45 on its passage.

