

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 **as introduced**. 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 to develop, and coadminister with Sport Oregon, a program for awarding grants to local government bodies to help fund youth sporting events.

Sunsets 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 Tourism Commission, for the biennium**
5 **ending June 30, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$2,500,000 for the purpose of**
6 **carrying out the provisions of section 2 of this 2024 Act.**

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

8 (a) **“Local government body” means a local government as defined in ORS 174.116 or a**
9 **special government body as defined in ORS 174.117.**

10 (b) **“Youth sporting event” means any kind of sporting event for participants most of**
11 **whom are under the age of 25.**

12 (2)(a) **The Oregon Tourism Commission shall develop, and coadminister with Sport**
13 **Oregon in accordance with this section, a program for awarding grants to local government**
14 **bodies to help fund youth sporting events using moneys appropriated under section 1 of this**
15 **2024 Act. The commission may consult with Sport Oregon about the development of the**
16 **program.**

17 (b) **To be eligible for a grant, a local government body must, at the time of application:**

18 (A) **Be able to provide funding or other resources of its own; or**

19 (B) **Have secured other funding, in-kind donations or other resources from any other**
20 **public or private, nonprofit or for-profit, source.**

21 (c) **A grant may not be awarded to any local government body in an amount greater than**
22 **\$100,000.**

23 (3)(a) **The commission shall prescribe an application process, including forms and dead-**
24 **lines, by which a local government body may apply for a grant under this section. The com-**
25 **mission may consult with Sport Oregon about the application process.**

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

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

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 **(B) State the age range of the participants;**
2 **(C) Set forth the source and amount of the funding described in subsection (2)(b) of this**
3 **section;**
4 **(D) Describe the potential impact of the youth sporting event on youth sports in the local**
5 **community;**
6 **(E) State the potential economic impact on local communities, including, but not limited**
7 **to, any increase in tourism or revenue for small or local businesses; and**
8 **(F) Provide any other information the commission considers necessary or important for**
9 **reviewing applications.**
10 **(4)(a) Applications shall be submitted to Sport Oregon for a preliminary review.**
11 **(b) Upon request, Sport Oregon may consult with an applicant about its application, be-**
12 **fore or after submission.**
13 **(c) An applicant may amend and resubmit its application at any time within the applica-**
14 **tion period.**
15 **(5)(a) Sport Oregon shall review all timely and complete applications.**
16 **(b) Within 30 days following receipt of an application, Sport Oregon shall:**
17 **(A) Approve the application for a grant in the amount requested;**
18 **(B) Approve the application for a grant in an amount other than the amount requested;**
19 **or**
20 **(C) Reject the application.**
21 **(c) As soon as practicable after making a decision under this subsection, Sport Oregon**
22 **shall forward only approved applications, with grant recommendations, to the commission.**
23 **(6) In reviewing applications, Sport Oregon shall:**
24 **(a) Give priority to applications that:**
25 **(A) Promise a greater impact on youth sports in the local community;**
26 **(B) Promise a greater economic impact on local communities; and**
27 **(C) Show an ability to leverage partnerships; and**
28 **(b) Approve applications that, taken together, represent regional diversity in Oregon.**
29 **(7)(a) Within 30 days following receipt of an application and grant recommendation for-**
30 **warded by Sport Oregon, the commission shall make a final review of the application.**
31 **(b) The commission shall review Sport Oregon's decisions for compliance with the pro-**
32 **visions of this section. The commission may consult with Sport Oregon about noncompliant**
33 **decisions.**
34 **(c) The commission shall review Sport Oregon's recommended grant amounts and ap-**
35 **prove, reject or modify the recommendations.**
36 **(d) The final decisions of the commission are not subject to appeal.**
37 **(8)(a) As soon as practicable after making final decisions under subsection (7) of this**
38 **section, the commission shall:**
39 **(A) Notify Sport Oregon of the final decisions, giving reasons for the decisions if the**
40 **commission and Sport Oregon consider it necessary.**
41 **(B) Offer a grant agreement to each approved applicant.**
42 **(b) Upon entering into a grant agreement with an approved applicant, the commission**
43 **shall distribute the approved grant amount to the local government body.**
44 **(9) Not later than December 31, 2025, Sport Oregon shall submit to the commission a**
45 **report setting forth:**

1 (a) The youth sporting events that have been sponsored with grant moneys awarded un-
2 der this section;

3 (b) A detailed list of what the grant moneys were used for;

4 (c) The impact each grant has had on:

5 (A) Youth sports in the local community; and

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

8 (d) Any other information Sport Oregon considers necessary or important for an evalu-
9 ation of the grant program.

10 (10)(a) If the commission discovers that a local government body used grant moneys for
11 any purpose other than the purpose for which its grant application was approved, the com-
12 mission may recover the amount of the grant.

13 (b) Any and all amounts required to be repaid under this subsection shall be considered
14 to be liquidated and delinquent, and the commission shall assign such amounts to the De-
15 partment of Revenue for collection as provided in ORS 293.250.

16 (c) All amounts repaid to the commission or the department under this subsection, in-
17 cluding grant amounts, penalties, interest, fees and any other charges, shall be credited to
18 the account of the commission.

19 (11) For activities undertaken pursuant to this section, the commission shall distribute
20 to Sport Oregon out of the moneys appropriated under section 1 of this 2024 Act:

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

22 (b) \$50,000 in advance of each calendar quarter for the duration of the youth sports grant
23 program.

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

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

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