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SUMMARY

Digest: The Act would have Business Oregon make a plan to boost industrial symbiosis, which means the use of the resources of one firm by a second firm. The Act would set up four pilots that would get tech help from the agency for symbiosis projects. The Act would grant funds to the Oregon Coast Visitors Association for a project that has to do with the food and nonfood use of fish. The Act would let certain county service districts fund their facilities with the charges they collect. The Act would change how many jobs there must be for employers who get financial aid at regionally significant industrial sites. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.3).

Directs the Oregon Business Development Department to develop a roadmap for the purpose of promoting industrial symbiosis activities in Oregon. Directs the department to provide technical assistance for priority capital projects to four industrial symbiosis pilot communities.

Directs the department to award appropriated moneys to the Oregon Coast Visitors Association to replicate the success of the Iceland Ocean Cluster 100% Fish Project.

Authorizes county service districts providing sewage and water management services to finance service facilities with charges imposed for the services.

Changes the employment requirements for the financing programs available to eligible employers at regionally significant industrial sites.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to economic development; creating new provisions; amending ORS
3 285B.626 and 451.490; and prescribing an effective date.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section and section 2 of this 2026**
6 **Act, “industrial symbiosis” means the voluntary collaboration among**
7 **businesses or other organizations to exchange materials, energy, water**

1 and by-products in order to optimize resource use, reduce waste and
2 enhance economic and environmental outcomes.

3 (2) The Oregon Business Development Department shall develop an
4 Industrial Symbiosis Roadmap for the purpose of promoting voluntary
5 industrial symbiosis activities in Oregon by:

- 6 (a) Identifying and describing industrial symbiosis opportunities;
- 7 (b) Studying best practices and technologies;
- 8 (c) Analyzing barriers to adoption; and
- 9 (d) Recommending key performance indicators to measure progress
10 on achieving industrial symbiosis goals.

11 (3) Oregon's industrial symbiosis goals include, but are not limited
12 to:

- 13 (a) Supporting and coordinating existing industrial symbiosis ef-
14 forts;
- 15 (b) Facilitating new industrial symbiosis opportunities;
- 16 (c) Turning waste and by-products into valued resource inputs;
- 17 (d) Reducing waste management costs;
- 18 (e) Generating new business opportunities;
- 19 (f) Increasing incomes and job opportunities;
- 20 (g) Improving environmental performance; and
- 21 (h) Driving business innovation.

22 (4) Not later than May 1, 2027, the department shall submit a report
23 on the roadmap to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly
24 related to economic development in the manner provided in ORS
25 192.245. The report may include recommendations for legislation.

26 SECTION 2. (1) The Oregon Business Development Department
27 shall provide to the four industrial symbiosis pilot communities listed
28 in subsection (2) of this section technical assistance to:

- 29 (a) Facilitate, plan and design industrial symbiosis projects; and
- 30 (b) Convene community meetings, identify infrastructure opportu-
31 nities, complete an engineering and cost feasibility study for at least

1 one priority capital project in each community and develop recom-
2 mendations and next steps for future industrial symbiosis projects.

3 (2) The Oregon Business Development Department shall provide
4 technical assistance described in subsection (1) of this section to:

5 (a) COR Healthy Communities;

6 (b) Clatsop County;

7 (c) Klamath County; and

8 (d) The Port of Morrow.

9 (3) As soon as practicable, and in no event later than August 31,
10 2026, the department shall:

11 (a) Through an open and competitive bidding process, select an or-
12 ganization or service provider with expertise and documented experi-
13 ence in industrial symbiosis planning to provide the technical
14 assistance described in subsection (1) of this section; and

15 (b) Begin providing the technical assistance to all the communities
16 listed in subsection (2) of this section.

17 SECTION 3. Sections 1 and 2 of this 2026 Act are repealed on Jan-
18 uary 2, 2029.

19 SECTION 4. There is appropriated to the Oregon Business Devel-
20 opment Department, for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, out of the
21 General Fund, the amount of \$900,000 for the purpose of providing
22 technical assistance to the industrial symbiosis pilot communities
23 listed in section 2 of this 2026 Act.

24 SECTION 5. There is appropriated to the Oregon Business Devel-
25 opment Department, for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, out of the
26 General Fund, the amount of \$640,000 for the purpose of carrying out
27 section 6 of this 2026 Act.

28 SECTION 6. The Oregon Business Development Department shall
29 distribute the moneys appropriated under section 5 of this 2026 Act to
30 the Oregon Coast Visitors Association to be used for research and de-
31 velopment funding, light infrastructure investment and accompanying

1 **coordination capacity to replicate the success of the industrial**
2 **symbiosis 100% Fish Project of the Iceland Ocean Cluster in utilizing**
3 **fish for food and nonfood product manufacturing.**

4 **SECTION 7.** ORS 451.490 is amended to read:

5 451.490. The district may, in accordance with the order adopted under
6 ORS 451.485, finance the construction, operation or maintenance of service
7 facilities for a district by:

8 (1) Use of funds from a fund established under ORS 280.055 or 451.540 to
9 be repaid by the district without interest.

10 (2) Assessments against the property in the district with or without issu-
11 ance of bonds authorized under ORS 223.205, 223.210 to 223.295 and 223.770.

12 (3) Service or user charges in the district.

13 (4) Connection charges.

14 (5) District ad valorem taxes.

15 (6) Sale of bonds.

16 (7) Funds obtained under ORS 280.040, 280.050, 280.060, 280.070, 280.080
17 and 280.090. A district local option tax adopted under ORS 280.060 shall not
18 authorize a tax in any fiscal year later than the fiscal year in which the
19 district is subject to dissolution under ORS 451.620 (1) and (2).

20 **(8) For districts providing services authorized under ORS 451.010**
21 **(1)(a) or (5), funds obtained through charges imposed for district ser-**
22 **vices, facilities or commodities.**

23 [(8)] **(9)** Any combination of the provisions of subsections (1) to [(7)] **(8)**
24 of this section.

25 **SECTION 8.** ORS 285B.626 is amended to read:

26 285B.626. As used in ORS 285B.625 to 285B.632:

27 (1)(a) "Eligible employer" means an employer that[:]

28 [(a)] is conducting a traded sector business on a regionally significant
29 industrial site[:] and **that meets the requirements under paragraph (b)**
30 **or (c) of this subsection.**

31 (b)[(A)] With respect to [the] **an** employer's establishment at a rural re-

1 **gionally significant industrial** site, [*has increased*] **the employer must:**

2 (A) **Be conducting business at a site where, together with all other**
3 **eligible employers conducting business at the same site, the cumula-**
4 **tive** average annual employment [*by*] **is** at least 25 jobs; and

5 (B) [*has*] **Have** an average annual wage of at least 150 percent of the
6 county or state average wage, whichever is less.[: *or*]

7 [(B)] (c) With respect to [*the*] **an** employer's establishment at an urban
8 **regionally significant industrial** site, [*has increased*] **the employer must:**

9 (A) **Be conducting business at a site where, together with all other**
10 **eligible employers conducting business at the same site, the cumula-**
11 **tive** average annual employment [*by*] **is** at least 50 jobs; and

12 (B) [*has*] **Have** an average annual wage of at least 150 percent of the
13 county or state average wage, whichever is less.

14 (2) "Estimated incremental income tax revenues" means the Oregon per-
15 sonal income tax revenues that are equivalent to the amount of tax that
16 employees of an eligible employer who are hired by the eligible employer on
17 a designated regionally significant industrial site have paid under ORS
18 chapter 316 in the tax years following the first tax year in which the eligible
19 employer begins conducting a traded sector business on the designated re-
20 gionally significant industrial site.

21 (3) "Industrial use" means employment activities, including but not lim-
22 ited to manufacturing, assembly, fabrication, processing, storage, logistics,
23 warehousing, importation, distribution, transshipment and research and de-
24 velopment, that generate income from the production, handling or distrib-
25 ution of goods or services, including goods or services in the traded sector.

26 (4) "Project sponsor" means:

27 (a) A public owner of a regionally significant industrial site that is in-
28 vesting in preparation of the site for industrial use by a third party; or

29 (b) A public entity that has entered into a development or other agree-
30 ment with the private owner of a regionally significant industrial site to
31 prepare the site for industrial use.

1 (5) “Regionally significant industrial site” means a site planned and zoned
2 for industrial use that:

3 (a)(A) Is suitable for the location of new industrial uses or the expansion
4 of existing industrial uses and that can provide significant additional em-
5 ployment in the region;

6 (B) Has site characteristics that provide significant competitive advan-
7 tages that are difficult or impossible to replicate in the region; and

8 (C) Has superior access to transportation and freight infrastructure, in-
9 cluding but not limited to rail, port, airport, multimodal freight or trans-
10 shipment facilities and other major transportation facilities or routes; or

11 (b) Is located in an area designated by Metro, as defined in ORS 197.015,
12 as a regionally significant industrial area.

13 (6) “Rural site” means a regionally significant industrial site located in
14 an area outside of a metropolitan statistical area, as defined by the most
15 recent federal decennial census.

16 (7) “Traded sector” has the meaning given that term in ORS 285A.010.

17 (8) “Urban site” means a regionally significant industrial site located in
18 a metropolitan statistical area, as defined by the most recent federal
19 decennial census, that is located inside a regional or metropolitan urban
20 growth boundary.

21 (9) “Wage” has the meaning given that term pursuant to rules adopted
22 by the Oregon Business Development Department.

23 **SECTION 9. This 2026 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date**
24 **on which the 2026 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative As-**
25 **sembly adjourns sine die.**

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