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Bill Title: Relating to circular economy; declaring an emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Oregon Business Development Department, Cities, Counties

Summary of Fiscal Impact

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Oregon Business Development Department	\$ 1,550,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,550,000	-	-
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 1,550,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,550,000	-	-

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Oregon Business Development Department	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-

Measure Description

The measure directs the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) to develop an Industrial Symbiosis Roadmap for the purpose of promoting voluntary collaboration and identification of ways in which businesses can optimize resource use and reduce waste through the exchange of by products, waste, energy and other materials. To develop the roadmap, OBDD is directed to identify and describe voluntary symbiosis opportunities, study best practices and technologies, analyze barriers to adoption, and recommend key performance indicators to achieve the stated goals of industrial symbiosis. The measure directs OBDD to submit a report by September 15, 2026, to interim legislative committees related to economic development.

OBDD shall select up to six industrial symbiosis pilot communities in Oregon to receive technical assistance to facilitate, plan, and design industrial symbiosis projects, convene community meetings, identify infrastructure opportunities, and develop recommendations and next steps for future projects. The measure directs OBDD to select the industrial symbiosis pilot communities based on specified geographic and industrial diversity criteria. After a competitive bidding process, OBDD shall select an organization to provide the technical assistance to the selected industrial symbiosis pilot communities by December 31, 2025; and OBDD shall select the industrial symbiosis pilot communities by July 1, 2026. The measure appropriates \$1.3 million General Fund to OBDD in the 2025-27 biennium to provide the technical assistance to industrial symbiosis pilot communities.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact of the measure is \$1.55 million General Fund in the 2025-27 biennium. Since OBDD does not have technical expertise related to industrial symbiosis, OBDD will need to hire professionals to complete the Industrial Symbiosis Roadmap and provide the technical assistance required under the measure. OBDD will use \$250,000 for professional services related to developing the proposed roadmap. OBDD will use the \$1.3 million

appropriated in the measure to provide technical assistance to up to six pilot communities. OBDD will use existing budgetary resources to cover the cost of providing grant management and legal review of contracts.

Since OBDD will only select up to six sites statewide, the measure is not anticipated to have a fiscal impact on most cities and counties. Depending on the level of participation of among businesses and organizations to exchange materials, energy, water, and by-products to optimize resource use, reduce waste, and enhance economic and environmental outcomes, the measure may have a minimal fiscal impact on cities and counties. In addition, county service districts would presumably be able to collect additional revenue from service charges and fees, assuming a pilot community is located within the boundaries of a county service district.

Relevant Dates

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

The measure directs OBDD to report to the Legislature on the Industrial Symbiosis Roadmap by September 15, 2026.

The Industrial Symbiosis Roadmap and technical assistance requirements both sunset on January 2, 2028.