

House Bill 2145

Sponsored by Representative SCHARF (Pre-session filed.)

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 removes a limit on lottery proceeds allocated to the County Fair Account. The Act tells an agency to create a master plan for building on county fairgrounds. The Act gives money for related services. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.0).

Removes the requirement that the amount of net proceeds from the Oregon State Lottery allocated to the County Fair Account not exceed \$1.53 million annually.

Requires the Oregon Business Development Department to prepare and report a master plan for county fairground capital construction. Specifies content and procedural requirements for the report.

Appropriates moneys to the department out of the General Fund for consultant services related to the report.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to county fairs; creating new provisions; amending ORS 565.447; and declaring an emer-
3 gency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 565.447 is amended to read:

6 565.447. (1) Subject only to the availability of unobligated net lottery proceeds, there is allocated
7 from the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund to the County Fair Account created
8 under ORS 565.445 an amount equal to one percent of the net proceeds from the Oregon State
9 Lottery[, *but not to exceed \$1.53 million annually, adjusted biennially pursuant to an inflation factor*
10 *determined by dividing the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, West Region (All Items),*
11 *as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor, for January*
12 *1 immediately preceding commencement of the biennium, by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban*
13 *Consumers of the Portland, Oregon, Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area, as compiled by the United*
14 *States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for January 1, 2001].*

15 (2) The allocation of moneys from the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund un-
16 der this section is subject to the requirements in section 4, Article XV of the Oregon Constitution,
17 for deposit of specified amounts of the net proceeds from the Oregon State Lottery into the Educa-
18 tion Stability Fund and into the Parks and Natural Resources Fund and shall be made only after
19 satisfaction or payment of:

20 (a) Amounts allocated to Westside lottery bonds issued under ORS 391.140 or to the reserves
21 or any refunding related to the Westside lottery bonds in accordance with the priority for allocation
22 and disbursement established by ORS 391.130;

23 (b) All liens, pledges or other obligations relating to lottery bonds or refunding lottery bonds
24 due or payable during the year for which an allocation is to be made; and

25 (c) Amounts required by any other pledges of, or liens on, net proceeds from the Oregon State
26 Lottery.

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 **SECTION 2.** (1) The Oregon Business Development Department shall develop a master
2 plan for county fairground capital construction. The master plan shall consist of five-year
3 and 10-year capital construction plans for each county fairground in this state and any
4 findings or recommendations of the department regarding county fairground capital con-
5 struction.

6 (2) The department shall retain a consultant to work with each county fair board, the
7 board of directors for each fair association exercising powers under ORS 565.268 and the
8 board of each fair district operating under ORS 565.275 to identify the five-year and 10-year
9 capital construction needs for county fairground facilities. The department shall work with
10 the consultant in developing the master plan for county fairground capital construction.

11 (3) The department shall complete the master plan and shall report the plan in the
12 manner provided by ORS 192.245 to the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly during the 2026
13 regular session. The department shall provide copies of the report to each county fair board
14 and to the boards for each fair association and fair district.

15 **SECTION 3.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
16 ated to the Oregon Business Development Department, for the biennium beginning July 1,
17 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$250,000, which may be expended by the de-
18 partment for consultant services described in section 2 of this 2025 Act.

19 **SECTION 4.** Section 2 of this 2025 Act is repealed on July 1, 2027.

20 **SECTION 5.** This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
21 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect
22 on its passage.
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