

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 960

Ordered by the Senate June 27
Including Senate Amendments dated June 27

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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 makes changes to the law that are related to budget decisions. (Flesch Readability Score: 69.9).

[Digest: The Act gives money to the CJC for the Organized Retail Theft Grant Program. (Flesch Readability Score: 77.8).]

[Appropriates moneys to the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission for the Organized Retail Theft Grant Program.]

Transfers moneys between funds and modifies timing of planned transfers.

Repeals the Summer Learning Program Account.

Authorizes the Department of Justice to expend specified moneys for specified purposes.

Provides that a specified transfer of moneys to the Oregon Rainy Day Fund may not be made for the biennium ending June 30, 2025.

Authorizes the Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority to provide financial assistance for certain levee projects to municipalities.

Modifies eligibility criteria of a program to provide grants to entities that provide services to refugees.

Extends deadline for the Early Learning Council to develop and implement certain rules for the Employment Related Day Care subsidy program.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to state financial administration; creating new provisions; amending ORS 180.095, 285B.420
3 and 411.139 and section 2, chapter 12, Oregon Laws 2023, and section 3, chapter 595, Oregon
4 Laws 2023; repealing ORS 327.496; and declaring an emergency.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 2, chapter 12, Oregon Laws 2023, is amended to read:

7 **Sec. 2.** (1) The Agricultural Overtime Award Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate
8 and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Agricultural Overtime Award Fund shall
9 be credited to the fund.

10 (2) Moneys in the fund consist of:

11 (a) Amounts appropriated or otherwise transferred or credited to the fund by the Legislative
12 Assembly;

13 (b) Earnings received on moneys in the fund; and

14 (c) Other amounts from any source transferred or otherwise credited to the fund.

15 (3) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Business Development De-
16 partment for the following purposes:

17 (a) Paying the actual costs incurred by the department in developing and administering section
18 1 *[of this 2023 Act]*, **chapter 12, Oregon Laws 2023**; and

19 (b) Carrying out the provisions of section 1 *[of this 2023 Act]*, **chapter 12, Oregon Laws 2023**,

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 in accordance with section 447 (1), chapter 110, Oregon Laws 2022.

2 (4) Any moneys remaining in the fund on [*June 30, 2025*] **January 2, 2027**, shall be transferred
3 to the General Fund.

4 **SECTION 2. Notwithstanding ORS 541.937, the amount of \$3,000,000 is transferred from**
5 **the Flexible Incentives Account to the General Fund for general governmental purposes. The**
6 **transfer shall be made on May 31, 2027.**

7 **SECTION 3. Notwithstanding section 6, chapter 25, Oregon Laws 2023, the amount of**
8 **\$15,000,000 is transferred from the Oregon Fostering Innovation Strength at Home and**
9 **CHIPS Fund to the General Fund for general governmental purposes. The transfer shall be**
10 **made on May 31, 2027.**

11 **SECTION 3a. Section 3 of this 2025 Act does not become operative unless House Bill 2322**
12 **becomes law.**

13 **SECTION 4. The Summer Learning Program Account established under ORS 327.496 is**
14 **abolished. Any moneys remaining in the account on the operative date of this section shall**
15 **be transferred to the General Fund for general governmental purposes.**

16 **SECTION 5. ORS 327.496 is repealed.**

17 **SECTION 6. Section 4 of this 2025 Act and the repeal of ORS 327.496 by section 5 of this**
18 **2025 Act become operative on May 31, 2027.**

19 **SECTION 7. Notwithstanding ORS 656.605, the amount of \$14,680,000 is transferred from**
20 **the Workers' Benefit Fund to the Wage Security Fund established under ORS 652.409.**

21 **SECTION 8. ORS 180.095, as amended by section 5, chapter 69, Oregon Laws 2024, is amended**
22 **to read:**

23 180.095. (1) The Department of Justice Protection and Education Revolving Account is created
24 in the General Fund. All moneys in the account are continuously appropriated to the Department
25 of Justice and may be used to pay for only the following activities:

26 (a) Restitution and refunds in proceedings described in paragraph (c) of this subsection;

27 (b) Consumer and business education relating to the laws governing antitrust and unlawful trade
28 practices; and

29 (c) Personal services, travel, meals, lodging and all other costs and expenses incurred by the
30 department in investigating, preparing, commencing and prosecuting the following actions and suits,
31 and enforcing judgments, settlements, compromises and assurances of voluntary compliance arising
32 out of the following actions and suits:

33 (A) Actions and suits under the state and federal antitrust laws;

34 (B) Actions and suits under ORS 336.184 and 646.605 to 646.656;

35 (C) Actions commenced under ORS 59.331;

36 (D) Actions and suits under ORS 180.750 to 180.785;

37 (E) Actions and suits under ORS 646A.025;

38 (F) Actions commenced under ORS 646A.589; [*and*]

39 (G) Actions and suits under section 3, chapter 69, Oregon Laws 2024[.]; **and**

40 **(H) Actions and suits commenced under ORS 180.060.**

41 (2) Moneys in the Department of Justice Protection and Education Revolving Account are not
42 subject to allotment. Upon request of the Attorney General, the State Treasurer shall create sub-
43 accounts within the account for the purposes of managing moneys in the account and allocating
44 those moneys to the activities described in subsection (1) of this section.

45 (3) Except as otherwise provided by law, all sums of money received by the Department of Jus-

1 tice under a judgment, settlement, compromise or assurance of voluntary compliance, including
 2 damages, restitution, refunds, attorney fees, costs, disbursements and other recoveries, but excluding
 3 civil penalties under ORS 646.642, in proceedings described in subsection (1)(c) of this section shall,
 4 upon receipt, be deposited with the State Treasurer to the credit of the Department of Justice Pro-
 5 tection and Education Revolving Account. However, if the action or suit was based on an expendi-
 6 ture or loss from a public body or a dedicated fund, the amount of such expenditure or loss, after
 7 deduction of attorney fees and expenses awarded to the department by the court or agreed to by the
 8 parties, if any, shall be credited to the public body or dedicated fund and the remainder thereof
 9 credited to the Department of Justice Protection and Education Revolving Account.

10 (4) If the Department of Justice recovers restitution or refunds in a proceeding described in
 11 subsection (1)(c) of this section, and the department cannot determine the persons to whom the
 12 restitution or refunds should be paid or the amount of the restitution or refund payable to individual
 13 claimants is de minimis, the restitution or refunds may not be deposited in the Department of Justice
 14 Protection and Education Revolving Account and shall be deposited in the General Fund.

15 (5) Before April 1 of each odd-numbered year, the Department of Justice shall report to the Joint
 16 Committee on Ways and Means:

17 (a) The department's projection of the balance in the Department of Justice Protection and Ed-
 18 ucation Revolving Account at the end of the biennium in which the report is made and at the end
 19 of the following biennium;

20 (b) The amount of the balance held for restitution and refunds;

21 (c) An estimate of the department's anticipated costs and expenses under subsection (1)(b) and
 22 (c) of this section for the biennium in which the report is made and for the following biennium; and

23 (d) Any judgment, settlement, compromise or other recovery, the proceeds of which are used for
 24 purposes other than:

25 (A) For deposit into the Department of Justice Protection and Education Revolving Account; or

26 (B) For payment of legal costs related to the judgment, settlement, compromise or other recov-
 27 ery.

28 (6) The Joint Committee on Ways and Means, after consideration of recommendations made by
 29 the Department of Justice, shall use the information reported under subsection (5) of this section to
 30 determine an appropriate balance for the revolving account.

31 **SECTION 9. Notwithstanding ORS 293.146, the transfer described in ORS 293.146 (2) of**
 32 **moneys to the Oregon Rainy Day Fund may not be made for the biennium ending June 30,**
 33 **2025.**

34 **SECTION 10.** ORS 285B.420 is amended to read:

35 285B.420. (1) The Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority may provide financial assistance in
 36 the form of loans or grants for a levee project to:

37 (a) *[Drainage districts organized under ORS chapter 547]* **Municipalities;**

38 (b) Corporations or companies for drainage or flood control organized under ORS chapter 554;
 39 and

40 (c) For-profit or nonprofit entities and individuals engaged in the ownership, construction, in-
 41 spection, accreditation, certification or repair of levees.

42 (2) To qualify for financial assistance under this section, the *[district]* **municipality**, corporation,
 43 company, entity or individual must demonstrate, and the authority must find, that the levee project
 44 substantially contributes to the improvement, expansion or repair of the state's or a municipality's
 45 infrastructure system and is essential for the use or development of farm, industrial or commercial

1 land in Oregon.

2 (3) Levee projects that receive financial assistance under this section are subject to the pro-
3 visions and requirements of ORS 285B.410 to 285B.482, if applicable.

4 **SECTION 11. The amendments to ORS 285B.420 by section 10 of this 2025 Act apply to**
5 **financial assistance provided under ORS 285B.420 before, on or after the effective date of this**
6 **2025 Act.**

7 **SECTION 12.** ORS 411.139 is amended to read:

8 411.139. (1) As used in this section:

9 (a) “Eligible [*agency*] **entity**” means an [*agency*] **entity** that has, **or previously had**, contracted
10 with the United States Department of State under 8 U.S.C. [*1522(c)*] **1522(b) or (c)** to provide initial
11 resettlement and case management services to refugees.

12 (b) “Refugee” means an individual who is not a United States citizen, who has been in the
13 United States for 60 months or less and who is any of the following:

14 (A) A refugee admitted under 8 U.S.C. 1157.

15 (B) An asylee admitted under 8 U.S.C. 1158.

16 (C) A Cuban or Haitian entrant as defined in 45 C.F.R. 401.2.

17 (D) A parolee admitted under 8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5).

18 (E) An Amerasian immigrant lawfully admitted to the United States who is described in 8 U.S.C.
19 1612(a)(2)(A)(v).

20 (F) A victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons and the victim’s family members who are
21 eligible for benefits and services from federal and state programs under 22 U.S.C. 7105(b)(1)(A).

22 (G) An Iraqi or an Afghan citizen who is a principal noncitizen provided with the status of
23 special immigrant by the United States Department of Homeland Security under:

24 (i) Section 1059(a) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, P.L. 109-163,
25 119 Stat. 3444;

26 (ii) Section 1244(b) of the Refugee Crisis in Iraq Act of 2007, P.L. 110-181, 122 Stat. 397; or

27 (iii) Section 602(b) of the Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009, P.L. 111-8, 123 Stat. 807.

28 (2) The Department of Human Services shall award grants to eligible [*agencies*] **entities** to
29 provide the following services to refugees residing in this state, for up to 24 months:

30 (a) Assisting refugees with department programs by:

31 (A) Referring refugees to the department within three days of the refugee’s arrival in this state;

32 (B) Completing applications for assistance;

33 (C) Transporting the refugee to the initial appointments with the department;

34 (D) Providing to the department all necessary eligibility information known to the eligible
35 [*agency*] **entity**; and

36 (E) Coordinating services of the department with other social service agencies.

37 (b) Assisting refugees with:

38 (A) Navigating the health care and mental health systems, including providing assistance in
39 applying for medical assistance;

40 (B) Accessing housing assistance and finding stable housing;

41 (C) Setting up utilities and paying utility bills;

42 (D) Issues with landlords;

43 (E) Navigating legal or criminal issues including services for victims of crime;

44 (F) Accessing in-home services including parenting assistance, English as a second language in-
45 struction, medical and psychosocial support; and

- 1 (G) Navigating the culture of the United States.
- 2 (c) Providing transportation to appointments.
- 3 (d) Training refugees on using public transportation.
- 4 (e) Providing immigration assistance and referrals.
- 5 (f) Advocating on behalf of refugees regarding domestic violence, federal laws and hate crimes.
- 6 (g) Providing refugees with interpretation services and assistance with access to language ser-
- 7 vices.
- 8 (h) Providing referrals for refugees to culturally specific support groups and services, including
- 9 religious organizations.
- 10 (i) Pairing refugees with volunteers for English as a second language training and ongoing lan-
- 11 guage support.
- 12 (j) Providing support to refugees in budgeting and achieving financial literacy.
- 13 (k) Identifying refugees' employment skills and providing referrals to employment skills training
- 14 and other job support services.
- 15 (L) Problem solving with refugees and assisting refugees with life skills development.
- 16 (m) Ensuring that refugees have access to psychosocial support and emotional wellness educa-
- 17 tion.
- 18 (n) Coordinating medical services for refugees including referring to and coordinating with
- 19 agencies that determine eligibility for disability benefits.
- 20 (o) Providing family preservation services, legal services and social service support for domestic
- 21 violence and child welfare issues.
- 22 (p) Assisting newly arrived refugee children in accessing services to strengthen the children's
- 23 academic performance and successful integration into the community.
- 24 (q) Other services necessary to assist refugees in accessing programs administered by the de-
- 25 partment.

26 **SECTION 13.** Section 3, chapter 595, Oregon Laws 2023, is amended to read:

27 **Sec. 3.** (1) The Early Learning Council shall develop and implement rules providing criteria for

28 eligibility based on ORS 329A.500 (4)(a)(C) no later than July 1, 2025.

29 (2) The council shall develop and implement rules providing criteria for eligibility based on ORS

30 329A.500 (4)(a)(D) no later than July 1, [2027] **2029**.

31 **SECTION 14. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**

32 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**

33 **on its passage.**

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