

B-Engrossed
House Bill 4061

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Including House Amendments dated February 16 and February 27

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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. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act would have Business Oregon give grants to small businesses for costs that are due to tariffs. The Act would have the agency work with other state and local bodies to update the state's unified trade strategy. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.6).

[Digest: The Act would have Business Oregon give grants to small businesses for costs due to federal tariffs. The Act would have Business Oregon work with other state and local bodies to update the state's unified trade strategy. The Act would have DAS make a procurement reform roadmap by December 15 of this year. The Act would set up a task force to advise on how to retain business and private investment in this state. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.0).]

Directs the Oregon Business Development Department to set up a program for micro-enterprise tariff adjustment grants to small businesses for costs increased by federal tariffs.

Directs the Oregon Business Development Department to collaborate with the Port of Portland, the Oregon Tourism Commission, the State Department of Agriculture and other stakeholders on updating the unified trade strategy for Oregon.

[Directs the Oregon Department of Administrative Services to produce a procurement reform roadmap and deliver the roadmap to a committee or interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to general government no later than December 15, 2026.]

[Establishes the Task Force on Business Retention for the purpose of making recommendations to the Legislative Assembly for improving strategies to retain businesses and private investment in this state.]

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to a unified trade strategy for Oregon; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the limitation on expenditures established by section 11 (1), chapter 616, Oregon Laws 2025, for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses from lottery moneys allocated from the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund to the Oregon Business Development Department, for operations, is increased by \$235,846, for implementation of section 2 of this 2026 Act.

SECTION 1a. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the limitation on expenditures established by section 11 (2), chapter 616, Oregon Laws 2025, for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses from lottery moneys allocated from the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund to the Oregon Business Development Department, for business, innovation and trade, is increased by \$950,000, for micro-enterprise tariff adjustment grants under section 2 of this 2026 Act.

SECTION 2. (1) The Oregon Business Development Department shall establish a program to award micro-enterprise tariff adjustment grants to small businesses to cover significant

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 increases in business costs due to tariffs recently imposed by the federal government.

2 (2) A business is eligible for a grant if:

3 (a) The business's headquarters or principal operations are in Oregon;

4 (b) As of the date on which an application is filed pursuant to this section, the business
5 has been operating for at least two years;

6 (c) The business has annual sales of not more than \$500,000; and

7 (d) The business can demonstrate a significant increase in business costs due to tariffs
8 recently imposed by the federal government.

9 (3)(a) The department shall adopt rules to establish an application process, including but
10 not limited to:

11 (A) An application form;

12 (B) Information and documentation to be included with the application to establish the
13 business's eligibility for a grant;

14 (C) Deadlines; and

15 (D) Any other provisions the department considers necessary or useful to the application
16 process or the conduct of the grant program.

17 (b) A grant may be awarded in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for any business whose
18 application is approved.

19 (c) The rejection of a grant application may not be appealed, but an eligible business may
20 reapply for a grant at any time.

21 **SECTION 3.** Section 2 of this 2026 Act is repealed on January 2, 2029.

22 **SECTION 4.** The Oregon Business Development Department, in collaboration with the
23 Port of Portland, the Oregon Tourism Commission, the State Department of Agriculture and
24 other stakeholders selected by the Oregon Business Development Department, shall update
25 the unified trade strategy for Oregon, including, but not limited to:

26 (1) Identifying opportunities to increase Oregon's presence in foreign markets, including
27 in-market capacity for emerging markets;

28 (2) Supporting outbound and inbound trade missions for government and businesses, in-
29 cluding support with aligned messaging;

30 (3) Promoting Oregon exports and attracting foreign direct investments in Oregon; and

31 (4) Providing technical assistance to Oregon exporters, including those impacted by
32 tariffs, to support international market access and business expansion.

33 **SECTION 5.** This 2026 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
34 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2026 Act takes effect
35 on its passage.

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