

# Enrolled House Bill 4061

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CHAPTER .....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(A) An application form;

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

(C) Deadlines; and

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

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

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

**SECTION 3.** Section 2 of this 2026 Act is repealed on January 2, 2029.

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

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

(2) Supporting outbound and inbound trade missions for government and businesses, including support with aligned messaging;

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

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

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

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