

Senate Bill 1591

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

Digest: The Act tells OBDD to study the creation of a new inland port. (Flesch Readability Score: 89.5).

Requires the Oregon Business Development Department to study the legislative establishment of an inland port for the purposes of coordinating infrastructure development, improving trade mobility and promoting economic development.

Directs the department to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to economic development no later than September 15, 2027.

Sunsets on January 2, 2028.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to an inland port; and prescribing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Business Development Department shall conduct a study regarding the legislative establishment of an inland port in one or more of the counties of Deschutes, Jefferson and Crook, to be known as the Port of Central Oregon, the purposes of which are to coordinate infrastructure development, improve trade mobility and promote economic development.

(2) The study must include recommendations regarding:

(a) A governing body for the port;

(b) Geographic boundaries of the port;

(c) Establishment of a foreign trade zone within the port boundaries;

(d) Budgeting and financing, including bonding authority and taxation authority;

(e) Additional powers, not available to ports generally under ORS chapter 777, that are necessary or convenient for the Port of Central Oregon to effectuate its purposes;

(f) Methods to ensure efficient use of resources and infrastructure, including through the application of industrial symbiosis principles;

(g) Methods to promote economic development and multimodal freight systems;

(h) Coordination with federally recognized Indian tribes in this state; and

(i) Potential ownership and operational structures relating to:

(A) The emergency response and training facility in Deschutes County known as CORE3;

(B) The Bend Municipal Airport;

(C) The area known as Juniper Ridge near Bend, Oregon; and

(D) Any other existing or future locations or facilities within port boundaries that may be used to further the purposes of the port.

(3) The department shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and

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 **may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative**
2 **Assembly related to economic development no later than September 15, 2027.**

3 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2026 Act is repealed on January 2, 2028.**

4 **SECTION 3. This 2026 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2026**
5 **regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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