

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 3418**

Ordered by the House May 9  
Including House Amendments dated May 9

Sponsored by Representative BUTLER

**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.

Establishes Oregon Main Street Program in [*State Parks and Recreation*] **Economic and Community Development** Department to encourage preservation of historic character of commercial neighborhoods.

**Requires Director of Economic and Community Development Department to submit report to Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly on program activities.**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

1  
2 Relating to Oregon Main Street Program.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) There is established within the Economic and Community Development**  
5 **Department the Oregon Main Street Program.**

6 **(2) The purposes of the program include the following:**

7 **(a) To assist communities in restoring and retaining the historic character of downtown**  
8 **areas and historic commercial districts;**

9 **(b) To stimulate business investment, assist in retaining existing small businesses and**  
10 **promote new businesses in downtown areas and historic commercial districts;**

11 **(c) To strengthen the local tax base;**

12 **(d) To create employment opportunities in downtown areas and historic commercial dis-**  
13 **tricts;**

14 **(e) To stimulate heritage tourism; and**

15 **(f) To enhance the economic viability of downtown areas and historic commercial dis-**  
16 **tricts.**

17 **SECTION 2. To carry out the objectives of the Oregon Main Street Program, the Eco-**  
18 **nomic and Community Development Department shall:**

19 **(1) Assist local governments and historic commercial districts in establishing and imple-**  
20 **menting downtown revitalization programs;**

21 **(2) Provide technical assistance with building and streetscape design, marketing and**  
22 **promotions, economic assessments and analyses, and organizational development;**

23 **(3) Coordinate the delivery of services and programs from other state agencies and or-**  
24 **ganizations;**

25 **(4) Contract for services the department determines are necessary to meet local needs;**

26 **(5) Provide grant funding, as available, to assist local programs and projects; 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 (6) Conduct training for prospective and current program participants.

2 **SECTION 3.** (1) In performing its duties for the Oregon Main Street Program, the Eco-  
3 nomic and Community Development Department may:

4 (a) Conduct hearings and conferences to develop facts, to explain programs and activities  
5 and to obtain advice.

6 (b) Enter into agreements with other public agencies and with associations and individ-  
7 uals for services that will assist the program.

8 (c) Enter into agreements with other public agencies of Oregon or with agencies of other  
9 states or the federal government, and with private corporations, associations and individuals  
10 in Oregon or other states for cooperative endeavors that further the objectives of the pro-  
11 gram.

12 (d) Make grants to local agencies, to associations or to individuals for the development  
13 and conservation of programs or projects in accordance with policies and procedures adopted  
14 under this section.

15 (2) In carrying out the purposes of the Oregon Main Street Program under sections 1 to  
16 3 of this 2007 Act, in addition to the other powers granted, the department:

17 (a) Shall appoint, as needed, committees, consultants, architects and other persons ex-  
18 pert in subjects of concern to the program to advise and assist the department in adminis-  
19 tering the program.

20 (b) May obtain from any state agency necessary assistance and data, to the extent per-  
21 mitted by laws relating to confidentiality.

22 (c) May perform other acts necessary to carry out the department's duties.

23 (3)(a) The department shall adopt rules governing the operation of the program.

24 (b) The department shall consult with the State Parks and Recreation Department,  
25 Travel Oregon and other state agencies and organizations involved in community develop-  
26 ment, economic development, heritage tourism and historic preservation to ensure that the  
27 program meets local needs and, to the extent possible, is compatible with the principles of  
28 the Main Street Program developed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

29 **SECTION 4.** The Director of the Economic and Community Development Department  
30 shall submit a report to the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly on program activities in the  
31 Oregon Main Street Program.

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