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Relating to a Rural Service Center for Economic Development

Request to Support House Bill and Amendments by the Cascades West Economic Development District and the Oregon Association of Economic Development Districts

HB 3110; HB 3110 amendments - Creates Oregon Rural Service Centers within Oregon's Economic Development Districts (OEDD) to assist rural counties, and cities and special districts located in rural areas, to apply for and manage public and private funding opportunities for purposes of workforce and economic development.

What is the Cascades West Economic Development District and what is their position?

The Cascades West Economic Development District (CWEDD) is designated by the U.S. Economic Development Administration to coordinate economic development efforts in Linn, Benton, Lane, and Lincoln Counties.

The position of the CWEDD is that the Economic Development Districts in the state are the natural fit for economic development activities and the appropriate coordinating agencies for new funding related to job creation, economic vitality, resiliency and capacity building.

What is the Oregon Association of Economic Development Districts and what is their position?

Oregon's twelve Economic Development Districts work to provide effective delivery of economic development services to support sustainable communities and businesses. The Districts cover every county in Oregon at a regional level: forging solutions, and partnerships that achieve tangible economic results.

The position of the OEDD is that the Economic Development Districts in the state are the natural fit for economic development activities and the appropriate coordinating agencies for new funding related to job creation, economic vitality, capacity building and other related development activities in their regions.

What happens if Oregon Creates a Rural Capacity Program?

The Oregon Business Development Department will engage in contracts with the Oregon Economic Development Districts for the purpose of assisting rural counties, cities and special districts to learn about, successfully apply for and manage grants and other funding opportunities available from any source in order to attain the capacity necessary to carry out strategies for economic development in their communities.

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