

House Bill 2777

Sponsored by Representative SMITH G

SUMMARY

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Adds Department of State Lands and State Department of Agriculture to state agencies whose employees and representatives may be included in regional solutions teams.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to regional solutions; amending ORS 284.753 and 284.754.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 284.754 is amended to read:

5 284.754. (1) The Regional Solutions Program is established within the office of the Governor, in
6 collaboration with state agencies, consisting of regional solutions centers described in subsection (2)
7 of this section, regional solutions teams described in subsection (3) of this section and regional sol-
8 utions advisory committees described in subsection (4) of this section. The program shall work with
9 state agencies, local governments, public and private entities, philanthropic organizations and aca-
10 demic institutions, as appropriate, to develop and coordinate regional implementation projects,
11 identify regional priorities for community and economic development, address issues and seize op-
12 portunities.

13 (2) The Regional Solutions Program includes regional solutions centers located throughout this
14 state. The centers provide a physical location for, and serve as the primary place for the business
15 and operations of, the regional solutions teams and the regional solutions advisory committees.

16 (3)(a) Each regional solutions team shall include a regional solutions coordinator and staff. Staff
17 may include, but is not limited to, employees and representatives of the following state agencies:

18 (A) The Department of Environmental Quality;

19 (B) The Department of Land Conservation and Development;

20 **(C) The Department of State Lands;**

21 *[(C)]* **(D)** The Department of Transportation;

22 *[(D)]* **(E)** The Housing and Community Services Department;

23 *[(E)]* **(F)** The Oregon Business Development Department; *[and]*

24 **(G) The State Department of Agriculture; and**

25 *[(F)]* **(H)** Other state agencies identified by the regional solutions coordinator and the regional
26 solutions advisory committee to participate as necessary.

27 (b) Regional solutions teams shall operate in conjunction and consultation with regional sol-
28 utions advisory committees.

29 (c) Regional solutions teams shall address community and economic development by working to
30 address regional issues, priorities and opportunities and leveraging funding opportunities for sound
31 and long-term economic growth.

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 (d) The directors and staff of the state agencies listed in paragraph (a) of this subsection and
2 natural resource agencies shall work with regional solutions coordinators and regional solutions
3 teams to fulfill regional priorities, in coordination with the office of the Governor.

4 (e) Regional solutions teams shall review and evaluate regional implementation project proposals
5 submitted in consultation with regional solutions advisory committees.

6 (f) In considering, reviewing or undertaking regional implementation project proposals or
7 projects that involve significant environmental issues, regional solutions coordinators shall convene
8 all affected stakeholders with the assistance of the Oregon Consensus Program established within
9 the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government for the purpose of providing alternative dispute resolu-
10 tion services to seek to resolve disputed issues, if any.

11 (4)(a) A regional solutions advisory committee shall be appointed for each region. Each com-
12 mittee shall consist of a minimum of five members appointed by the Governor, and serving at the
13 pleasure of the Governor, as follows:

14 (A) One local convenor who represents the region, who shall serve as chairperson of the com-
15 mittee;

16 (B) One representative recommended by the executive body of the Association of Oregon Coun-
17 ties;

18 (C) One representative recommended by the executive body of the League of Oregon Cities;

19 (D) One person who represents local and regional business and industry interests; and

20 (E) One person who represents philanthropic organizations.

21 (b) Regional solutions advisory committees shall:

22 (A) Establish regional priorities for community and economic development in the region;

23 (B) Assist regional solutions coordinators and regional solutions teams with obtaining, and
24 connecting to, resources and funding; and

25 (C) Consider, review and recommend regional implementation project proposals.

26 (c) In considering, reviewing and recommending regional implementation project proposals under
27 this subsection, regional solutions advisory committees shall consider whether the project proposal
28 seeks to address the state's economically, socially and environmentally sustainable goals and objec-
29 tives described in ORS 184.423.

30 (d) Members of the regional solutions advisory committees are not entitled to compensation for
31 the performance of official duties and responsibilities.

32 (e) The regional solutions coordinators and regional solutions teams shall provide staff to the
33 regional solutions advisory committees as necessary to allow the committees to carry out the pro-
34 visions of paragraph (b) of this subsection.

35 **SECTION 2.** ORS 284.753 is amended to read:

36 284.753. In awarding grants, loans or incentive funds for projects undertaken in connection with
37 grant, loan or incentive programs, state agencies listed in ORS 284.754 (3)(a)(A) to [(E)] (G) shall,
38 consistent with the programs' enabling legislation, rules and regulations, use regional priorities for
39 community and economic development as described in ORS 284.754 in the consideration of project
40 funding decisions and base decisions of which projects to undertake upon whether the project will:

41 (1) Use regional and community-based problem solving.

42 (2) Support regional and community-based means of integrating state and local resources and
43 services.

44 (3) Create jobs in relation to the economy and population of the region directly impacted by the
45 project.

1 (4) Involve investment of capital in relation to the economy and population of the region directly
2 impacted by the project.

3 (5) Have community support, as indicated by the support of the governing body of the local
4 government.

5 (6) Have obtained appropriate land use and environmental reviews and authorizations prior to
6 utilization of funds.

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