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## SUMMARY

Establishes Joint Interim Legislative Committee to Review Economic Development Programs in Oregon. Directs committee to study and compile data regarding economic development programs, determine effectiveness of programs and make recommendations for consistent, statewide evaluation process. Requires report to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to business and economic development no later than September 15, 2022. Allows committee to introduce legislation to implement recommendations.

Sunsets committee on December 31, 2022.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the evaluation of economic development programs in Oregon; and  
declaring an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1. (1)(a) As used in this section, “economic development program” means a publicly or privately administered program or activity that:**

**(A) Has the primary purpose of encouraging the establishment and growth of businesses, including creating and retaining jobs;**

**(B) Receives state funding or federal funding allocated through state appropriations; and**

**(C) Provides financial assistance, tax credits or direct services to specific industries, businesses, local governments or organizations.**

**(b) “Economic development program” does not include academic and research programs at educational institutions unless the programs**



1 involve job training or apprenticeships.

2 (2) The Joint Interim Legislative Committee to Review Economic  
3 Development Programs in Oregon is established, consisting of six  
4 members appointed as follows:

5 (a) The President of the Senate shall appoint three members from  
6 among members of the Senate.

7 (b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint three  
8 members from among members of the House of Representatives.

9 (3) The committee shall:

10 (a) Research, study, compile and summarize data about economic  
11 development programs in Oregon, including but not limited to:

12 (A) The state or local agencies or entities responsible for adminis-  
13 tering the programs.

14 (B) The purposes of, and physical locations targeted by, the pro-  
15 grams, such as providing assistance to small businesses, early stage  
16 businesses, entrepreneurs, technology-based businesses, minority-  
17 owned businesses, traded and industrial sector businesses, econom-  
18 ically distressed areas, rural areas and brownfields.

19 (C) The sources and amounts of public and private moneys used in  
20 the operation of the programs and how moneys are distributed or dis-  
21 bursed.

22 (D) The types of financial and nonfinancial assistance provided by  
23 the programs, including but not limited to grants, loans, loan guar-  
24 antees, tax credits, tax incentives, technological assistance and as-  
25 sistance acquiring capital, equipment or real property.

26 (E) Pursuant to rules established by the committee, any other data  
27 the committee decides to research, study, compile and summarize.

28 (b) Determine the effectiveness of the economic development pro-  
29 grams researched and studied under paragraph (a) of this subsection,  
30 using existing analyses of outcomes, performance measures and  
31 benchmarks, if any, and making recommendations to create or im-



1 prove evaluation methods, processes and techniques to measure the  
2 effectiveness of economic development programs in the future.

3 (c) Develop recommendations for a consistent, statewide evaluation  
4 process for economic development programs that incorporates specific  
5 criteria including, but not limited to, the number and type of jobs  
6 created and retained, the number and type of businesses established  
7 and maintained and successful efforts to streamline the administration  
8 and operation of economic development programs in the future.

9 (4) The committee may hold hearings and take testimony as nec-  
10 essary and appropriate for the performance of the committee's duties,  
11 functions and powers under subsection (3) of this section.

12 (5) The committee may not transact business unless a majority of  
13 committee members from the House of Representatives and a majority  
14 of committee members from the Senate are present.

15 (6) Action by the committee requires the affirmative vote of a ma-  
16 jority of committee members from the House of Representatives and  
17 a majority of committee members from the Senate.

18 (7) The committee shall elect one of its members to serve as  
19 chairperson.

20 (8) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority  
21 shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.

22 (9) The committee shall meet at times and places specified by the  
23 call of the chairperson or of a majority of the members of the com-  
24 mittee.

25 (10) Members of the committee shall receive an amount equal to  
26 that authorized under ORS 171.072 from funds appropriated to the  
27 Legislative Assembly for each day on which the members engage in  
28 the performance of their duties as members of the committee.

29 (11) The committee may adopt rules necessary for the operation of  
30 the committee.

31 (12) The committee shall submit a report in the manner provided



1 by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to  
2 the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to business  
3 and economic development no later than September 15, 2022.

4 (13) The Legislative Policy and Research Director shall provide staff  
5 support to the committee.

6 (14) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are  
7 directed to assist the committee in the performance of its duties and,  
8 to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish  
9 information and advice the members of the committee consider nec-  
10 essary to perform their duties.

11 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on December 31,  
12 2022.

13 SECTION 3. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-  
14 ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-  
15 clared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect on its passage.