

HB 2173 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Economic Recovery and Prosperity

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon State Lottery Commission, if authorized by the Association of Oregon Counties, to transfer a specified amount of net video lottery receipts to the Department of Administrative Services for the purpose of providing up to 50 percent funding for salaries and benefits of regional solutions coordinators. Conditions funding on specified criteria related to both the work and work program of regional solutions coordinators. Requires funds not used for funding regional solutions coordinators to be refunded to the State Lottery Commission for distribution to counties.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Effectiveness of Regional Solutions Program
- Effect of Covid-19 pandemic on Regional Solutions Program
- Agreement by counties to pay 50 percent of Regional Solutions Coordinators

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces the measure. Permits counties to authorize the Department of Administrative Services to deduct from the amount allocated to counties for economic development activities from net receipts of video lottery games up to 50 percent of the funding necessary to support the salaries and benefits of regional solutions coordinators.

BACKGROUND:

In 2013, the Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 2620, which directed the Governor, in coordination with the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, to develop a plan to align state economic and community development programs with regional priorities. Enacted by the Legislative Assembly in 2014, the Regional Solutions Program within the Governor's office consists of regional solutions centers, teams, and advisory committees. The Program works with state agencies, local governments, and other entities to develop and coordinate regional implementation projects and to identify regional priorities for community and economic development.

Eleven regional solutions teams are located at centers located throughout the state, and each team includes a regional solutions coordinator. The teams work in conjunction with regional solutions advisory committees to address regional issues and leverage funding opportunities for regional growth.

House Bill 2173 provides 50 percent funding for salaries and benefits of regional solutions coordinators through net proceeds of video lottery receipts, contingent upon specified requirements related to the work and work program of coordinators whose salaries and benefits are funded.