

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 3376 - A

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Measure Description:

Directs Oregon Business Development Department to develop and implement program to award grants to operators of movie theaters closed to public due to public health restrictions related to COVID-19.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2021-23 Biennium	2023-25 Biennium
General Fund		
Personal Services	33,250	
Services and Supplies	25,250	
Special Payments	9,041,500	
Total General Fund	\$9,100,000	\$0

Analysis:

HB 3376 provides a onetime General Fund appropriation of \$9,100,000 to the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) to develop and implement a new grant program to award grants to operators of movie theaters in Oregon that was closed to the general public for any period of time on or after March 12, 2020, as a result of public health restrictions related to COVID-19. The measure stipulates that the grant amount under this new program is \$50,000 for each movie theater, plus an additional \$10,000 for each screen of the movie theater in excess of two screens. OBDD may adjust additional per-screen grant amounts under this subsection to ensure that all eligible operators of movie theaters receive additional per-screen grants.

This fiscal analysis assumes that “to develop and implement” includes administrative costs which OBDD estimates at \$58,500. Administrative costs are based on the assumption that a list of owners and screen count is readily available and OBDD would not need to expend resources on extensive outreach to operators of movie theaters. Administrative costs include pricing for the work of one Operations and Policy Analyst and one Procurement and Contract Specialist 2 positions at quarter-time for six months (0.16 FTE) as well as Department of Justice costs to review contracts. While the establishment of additional positions in the upcoming biennium may not be warranted for this program alone, compounding workload due to other legislation in addition to this measure may require increased staffing capacity.

This measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of General Fund impact.