## House Bill 3376

Sponsored by Representative NOSSE

## SUMMARY

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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.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to department for purposes of grant program. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021.

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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to movie theaters; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "movie theater" means a commercial indoor

theater whose primary business use is the exhibition of motion pictures to the general public
for a fee.

7 (2) The Oregon Business Development Department shall develop and implement a grant
8 program to award grants to operators of movie theaters in Oregon.

9 (3) To be eligible for a grant under the program, a person must be an operator of a movie 10 theater in Oregon that was closed to the general public for any period of time on or after

11 March 13, 2020, as a result of public health restrictions related to COVID-19.

12 (4) The amount of a grant under the program is \$50,000 for each movie theater, plus an 13 additional \$10,000 for each screen of the movie theater in excess of two screens.

14 (5) The department may award a maximum of one grant per movie theater.

(6) The department may adopt rules as necessary or convenient for the development and
implementation of the program pursuant to this section.

17 <u>SECTION 2.</u> There is appropriated to the Oregon Business Development Department, for 18 the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$8,700,000 to 19 carry out the provisions of section 1 of this 2021 Act.

20 <u>SECTION 3.</u> This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 21 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect 22 July 1, 2021.

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