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Requested by HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LAND USE, AND WATER (at the request of Representative Ken Helm)

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 4060

1 On <u>page 1</u> of the printed bill, line 2, after "programs;" delete the rest of 2 the line and insert "and declaring an emergency.".

3 Delete lines 3 through 9 and insert:

"Whereas federal funding and grant opportunities offer critical support
for state programs, with some states receiving greater support than others;
and

"Whereas the State of Oregon's percentage share of federal investment in
certain program areas, such as water infrastructure, saw declines in recent
decades; and

"Whereas improved coordination and technical support can help maximize
Oregon's competitiveness and access to federal resources, including resources
for local communities that lack capacity or experience underinvestment; now,
therefore,".

14 Delete lines 11 through 31 and delete <u>page 2</u> and insert:

15 "<u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) The Department of Transportation shall establish 16 a program to provide administrative and technical assistance to any 17 state agency, local government or community organization in this 18 state for activities related to federal funding opportunities that sup-19 port natural resource related priorities, programs or projects.

20 "(2) Subject to the availability of funds appropriated therefor, the 21 program shall provide the following kinds of assistance to state agen1 cies, local governments and community organizations in this state:

"(a) Identifying, researching and raising awareness among state
agencies and local communities about relevant federal funding opportunities;

5 "(b) Providing technical assistance, guidance or training as re-6 quested to help with application for and compliance with relevant 7 federal funding opportunities for state, local or other entities;

8 "(c) Identifying opportunities to build knowledge and capacity 9 around relevant federal funding opportunities within communities that 10 have experienced underinvestment and across a diversity of 11 stakeholders that interact with Oregon's natural resource policies and 12 programs;

"(d) Supporting interagency coordination of the state's relevant
 federal funding needs and requests;

"(e) Identifying gaps in state agency knowledge and capacity around
 relevant federal funding opportunities and coordinating with state
 agencies to develop capacity to address identified gaps; and

"(f) Identifying availability of nonfederal matching resources nec essary to qualify for relevant federal funding opportunities.

"(3) As used in this section, 'local government' has the meaning
given that term in ORS 174.116.

"<u>SECTION 2.</u> This 2022 Act being necessary for the immediate
preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is
declared to exist, and this 2022 Act takes effect on its passage.".

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