

House Bill 2909

Sponsored by Representatives GOMBERG, OWENS, SMITH G, MARSH (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Appropriates moneys to Oregon Department of Administrative Services for distribution to Oregon Coast Visitors Association to be expended on various projects.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to an appropriation for economic development; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
5 **ated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, for the biennium beginning July**
6 **1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$1,190,000, for distribution to the Oregon**
7 **Coast Visitors Association to be expended in accordance with section 2 of this 2023 Act.**

8 **SECTION 2. Moneys distributed to the Oregon Coast Visitors Association by the Oregon**
9 **Department of Administrative Services under section 1 of this 2023 Act shall be expended in**
10 **the following amounts for the following purposes:**

11 (1) **\$190,000 to develop a geographic information systems tool for food systems with blue**
12 **economy layers. The tool shall be developed to connect food producers and food technology**
13 **businesses to suitable sites for start-up or expansion with the goal of capturing more value**
14 **from Oregon's natural resources and agricultural and seafood industries.**

15 (2) **\$700,000 to fill gaps in regional food system aggregation and production infrastructure**
16 **and leverage existing regional food system coordination capacity in such a way as to imme-**
17 **diately benefit Oregon businesses. Improvements funded under this subsection shall be:**

18 (a) **The development of coastal ports mariculture and a coculture facility in partnership**
19 **with the Oregon Kelp Alliance;**

20 (b) **The installation of a shared-use certified commercial kitchen, processing center and**
21 **cold storage at the Newport Seafood Analytical Lab of the Coastal Oregon Marine Exper-**
22 **iment Station; and**

23 (c) **The development of a mobile processing unit to be shared across multiple port dis-**
24 **tricts that will support multiple seafood producers.**

25 (3) **\$300,000 to support existing businesses connected to the projects funded under sub-**
26 **sections (1) and (2) of this section and those businesses identified in a technical assistance**
27 **survey for rural seafood businesses that is currently being conducted and coproduced by the**
28 **Oregon Coast Visitors Association, the Oregon State University Food Innovation Center and**
29 **the Oregon State University Seafood Research and Education Center, each of which will ad-**
30 **minister the technical assistance provided under this subsection.**

31 **SECTION 3. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect**
2 **on its passage.**

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