

House Bill 3251

Sponsored by Representatives OWENS, GOMBERG, MARSH

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**.

Requires Oregon Tourism Commission to establish and administer grant program to promote, develop and sustain opportunities for agricultural tourism in rural communities in this state. Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Oregon Business Development Department for distribution to commission for program.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to agricultural tourism in rural communities.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "rural" means any area in this state that is**
5 **outside:**

6 **(a) The acknowledged urban growth boundaries of all cities with a population greater**
7 **than 50,000; and**

8 **(b) Any urbanized area contiguous to a city described in paragraph (a) of this subsection.**

9 **(2) The Oregon Tourism Commission shall establish and administer a grant program to**
10 **promote, develop and sustain opportunities for agricultural tourism in rural communities.**

11 **(3) In implementing the grant program, the commission shall use the moneys distributed**
12 **to it under section 2 of this 2023 Act:**

13 **(a) To fund grants to qualifying individuals or entities providing or seeking to provide**
14 **agricultural tourism in rural communities in this state;**

15 **(b) To educate, train and support individuals or entities providing or seeking to provide**
16 **opportunities for agricultural tourism in rural communities in this state; and**

17 **(c) To foster, develop and publicize opportunities for agricultural tourism in rural com-**
18 **munities in this state.**

19 **(4) The commission shall adopt rules necessary to administer the grant program estab-**
20 **lished under this section, including rules establishing:**

21 **(a) The forms, timelines and procedures for submitting a grant application;**

22 **(b) The eligibility requirements for receiving a grant; and**

23 **(c) The standard for determining the monetary amount to be awarded to a grant recipi-**
24 **ent.**

25 **SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
26 **ated to the Oregon Business Development Department, for the biennium beginning July 1,**
27 **2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$2,000,000 for distribution to the Oregon**
28 **Tourism Commission for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 1 of this 2023**
29 **Act.**

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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.