

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3349

By COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SMALL BUSINESS

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- 1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, delete “creating new provisions; amending ORS 284.754;”.
- 2 Delete lines 5 through 28.
- 3 Delete pages 2 through 9 and insert:
- 4 **“SECTION 1. (1)(a) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission, in consultation with**
- 5 **the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, shall enter into an agreement with**
- 6 **Oregon Solutions at Portland State University to:**
- 7 **“(A) Assess interest in and convene, as appropriate, entities to collaboratively develop**
- 8 **an infrastructure funding readiness hub, as described in subsection (2) of this section; and**
- 9 **“(B) Enter into agreements with the entities described in subsection (4) of this section**
- 10 **to perform the functions of funding navigators, as provided in subsection (3) of this section.**
- 11 **“(b) The agreement entered into under paragraph (a)(A) of this subsection shall provide**
- 12 **for the amount of \$300,000 to be paid to Oregon Solutions to facilitate the collaborative de-**
- 13 **velopment of the infrastructure funding readiness hub.**
- 14 **“(2)(a) The purpose of the infrastructure funding readiness hub is to improve, for com-**
- 15 **munities in this state, awareness of and access to state and federal funding opportunities**
- 16 **related to natural or built infrastructure, including the ability to manage and successfully**
- 17 **expend funds. The infrastructure funding readiness hub shall place particular emphasis on**
- 18 **capacities to access and secure near-term federal funding opportunities. The infrastructure**
- 19 **funding readiness hub shall include, but need not be limited to, the following components:**
- 20 **“(A) An inventory of funding opportunities related to natural or built infrastructure;**
- 21 **“(B) Systems or processes to track state matching fund needs;**
- 22 **“(C) Mechanisms for ongoing statewide coordination to increase funding readiness, with**
- 23 **particular emphasis on opportunities to increase federal funding readiness;**
- 24 **“(D) Recommendations to better align state and federal funding opportunities;**
- 25 **“(E) Identification of the needs of environmental justice communities, as defined in ORS**
- 26 **182.535, communities that have experienced historic lack of investment, communities that**
- 27 **have infrastructure in need of critical upgrades and communities that have limited**
- 28 **infrastructure, and opportunities to increase the federal funding readiness of those commu-**
- 29 **nities; and**
- 30 **“(F) Mechanisms to track the benefits and outcomes of a coordinated approach to**
- 31 **infrastructure funding readiness.**
- 32 **“(b) In developing the infrastructure funding readiness hub, Oregon Solutions at Portland**
- 33 **State University shall coordinate with the office of the Governor, the Regional Solutions**
- 34 **Program established under ORS 284.754, the entities described in subsection (4) of this sec-**
- 35 **tion, state agencies with programs related to infrastructure funding and other relevant en-**

1 titles. Oregon Solutions at Portland State University may award grants or stipends to
2 entities that participate in the collaborative development of the infrastructure funding
3 readiness hub.

4 “(c) Oregon Solutions at Portland State University, in coordination with the entities de-
5 scribed in subsection (4) of this section, shall submit a report on the development of the
6 infrastructure funding readiness hub, in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, to the appro-
7 priate interim committees of the Legislative Assembly no later than December 31, 2024.

8 “(3) Working in coordination with the infrastructure funding readiness hub, funding
9 navigators shall perform, or enter into contracts to have performed, functions in their re-
10 spective areas of expertise that include but are not limited to:

11 “(a) Increasing access to information, resources and assistance for navigating available
12 funding opportunities related to natural or built infrastructure, with a focus on near-term
13 federal funding opportunities;

14 “(b) Developing an inventory of state matching funds needed to secure federal funding
15 for natural or built infrastructure;

16 “(c) Identifying barriers to accessing state and federal funding opportunities, or securing
17 state or local matching funds, for natural or built infrastructure and providing recommen-
18 dations to address barriers; and

19 “(d) Assessing and supporting capacity at the community level to secure and expend
20 infrastructure funding.

21 “(4)(a) Oregon Solutions at Portland State University shall enter into agreements with
22 the following entities to perform the functions of a funding navigator:

23 “(A) The League of Oregon Cities, to perform the functions of a funding navigator as
24 they relate to cities.

25 “(B) The Association of Oregon Counties, to perform the functions of a funding navigator
26 as they relate to counties.

27 “(C) The Special Districts Association of Oregon, to perform the functions of a funding
28 navigator as they relate to special districts.

29 “(D) The Oregon Economic Development Districts Association, to perform the functions
30 of a funding navigator as they relate to economic development districts and partner organ-
31 izations.

32 “(E) The Oregon Conservation Partnership, to perform the functions of a funding
33 navigator as they relate to conservation groups.

34 “(F) The Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Economic Development Corporation, to
35 perform the functions of a funding navigator as they relate to tribal governments.

36 “(G) The Oregon Community Foundation, to perform the functions of a funding navigator
37 as they relate to community-based organizations.

38 “(b) The agreements entered into under this subsection shall provide for the amount of
39 \$300,000 to be paid to each of the entities described in paragraph (a)(A) to (G) of this sub-
40 section to perform the functions of a funding navigator.

41 “SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-
42 priated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July
43 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$2,400,000, which may be expended for en-
44 tering into the agreement with Oregon Solutions at Portland State University described in
45 section 1 of this 2023 Act.

1 **“SECTION 3. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
2 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect**
3 **on its passage.”.**

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