

HB 2911-4
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Requested by Representative GOMBERG

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2911**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after the first semicolon delete the
2 rest of the line.

3 In line 3, delete “ORS 285B.290;”.

4 Delete lines 5 through 30 and delete pages 2 and 3 and insert:

5 **“SECTION 1. There is allocated for the biennium beginning July 1,**
6 **2023, from the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund,**
7 **to the Oregon Business Development Department, the amount of**
8 **\$10,000,000, for deposit in the Oregon Business, Innovation and Trade**
9 **Fund created under ORS 285A.227, to be used for the purpose of**
10 **awarding grants under section 2 of this 2023 Act.**

11 **“SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:**

12 **“(a) ‘County fair’ and ‘county fairgrounds’ have the meanings given**
13 **those terms in ORS 565.010.**

14 **“(b) ‘County fair operator’ means a county fair board, fair associ-**
15 **ation or fair district that operates a county fair.**

16 **“(c)(A) ‘Earned revenue’ means revenue from the sale of goods or**
17 **services, including, but not limited to, admission tickets, rentals,**
18 **merchandise, food and beverages, advertising and contracted services**
19 **and performances.**

20 **“(B) ‘Earned revenue’ does not include other sources of revenue,**
21 **including, but not limited to, donations, federal, state and local gov-**

1 **ernmental grants or returns on investments.**

2 **“(d) ‘Fair association’ has the meaning given that term in ORS**
3 **565.268.**

4 **“(e) ‘Fair district’ means an entity described in ORS 565.275.**

5 **“(2) The Oregon Business Development Department shall develop**
6 **and implement a program for awarding grants directly to county fair**
7 **operators for the operation of county fairs and the maintenance and**
8 **repair of county fairgrounds.**

9 **“(3) To be eligible for a grant, a county fair operator must demon-**
10 **strate to the department’s satisfaction that, at any time after Febru-**
11 **ary 29, 2020, and before January 1, 2023, the operator experienced a**
12 **significant loss in earned revenue from the operation of a county fair**
13 **because of statewide mandates, or guidance of the Oregon Health Au-**
14 **thority, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

15 **“(4)(a) The department shall prescribe the form and process by**
16 **which county fair operators may apply for and be awarded grants un-**
17 **der the program.**

18 **“(b) For purposes of reviewing applications, the department may**
19 **require applicants to demonstrate need, as described in subsection (5)**
20 **of this section, in the form of:**

21 **“(A) The operator’s federal tax return for the periods to which the**
22 **application relates; and**

23 **“(B) Financial documentation, including, but not limited to, audited**
24 **financial statements or financial statements that have been approved**
25 **by a certified public accountant.**

26 **“(5) The department shall develop an equitable funding allocation**
27 **so that grant moneys shall be awarded with priority given according**
28 **to the greatest ratio of an applicant’s total lost earned revenue to the**
29 **applicant’s total earned revenue for each fiscal year to which the ap-**
30 **plication relates, beginning with fiscal year 2019.**

1 “(6) Before awarding grants, the department may withhold an
2 amount not to exceed five percent of the total amount allocated under
3 section 1 of this 2023 Act to reimburse the department for the actual
4 costs of developing and implementing the program.

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

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