

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, charges for**
18 **services, rentals, permits and fees, merchandise, food and beverages,**
19 **advertising and contracted services 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 June 30, 2023, the operator experienced a**
12 **significant loss in earned revenue from the operation of a county fair**
13 **or county fairgrounds because of statewide mandates, or guidance of**
14 **the Oregon Health Authority, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

15 **“(4)(a) The department shall prescribe the form and process, in-**
16 **cluding the application period, by which county fair operators may**
17 **apply for and be awarded grants under the program.**

18 **“(b) Applications must, at a minimum, require applicants to state**
19 **their lost earned revenue as described in subsection (3) of this section.**

20 **“(c) For purposes of reviewing applications, the department may**
21 **require applicants to provide:**

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

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

27 **“(5) The department shall award grants to reimburse county fair**
28 **operators for lost earned revenue supported by their applications as**
29 **follows:**

30 **“(a) If the total of all grant award amounts exceeds \$10 million, the**

1 amounts shall be reduced proportionally until they equal \$10 million;
2 or

3 “(b) If the total of all grant award amounts is less than \$10 million,
4 the amounts shall be increased proportionally until they equal \$10
5 million.

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

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

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