

Requested by Representative OWENS

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 3349**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, delete “creating new provisions;
2 amending ORS 284.754;”.

3 Delete lines 5 through 28.

4 Delete pages 2 through 9 and insert:

5 **“SECTION 1. (1)(a) The Oregon Department of Administrative Ser-
6 vices shall enter into an agreement with Oregon Solutions at Portland
7 State University to:**

8 **“(A) Develop an infrastructure funding readiness hub, as described
9 in subsection (2) of this section; and**

10 **“(B) Enter into agreements with the entities described in subsection
11 (4) of this section to perform the functions of funding navigators, as
12 provided in subsection (3) of this section.**

13 **“(b) The agreements entered into under this section shall provide
14 for the amount of \$300,000 to be paid to Oregon Solutions for the de-
15 velopment of the infrastructure funding readiness hub.**

16 **“(2)(a) The purpose of the infrastructure funding readiness hub is
17 to improve, for communities in this state, awareness of and access to
18 state and federal funding opportunities related to infrastructure. The
19 infrastructure funding readiness hub shall place particular emphasis
20 on near-term federal funding opportunities and include the following
21 components:**

1 **“(A) An inventory of funding opportunities related to natural and**
2 **built infrastructure;**

3 **“(B) Systems or processes to track state matching fund needs;**

4 **“(C) Mechanisms for ongoing statewide coordination to increase**
5 **funding readiness, with particular emphasis on opportunities to in-**
6 **crease federal funding readiness; and**

7 **“(D) Identification of the needs of environmental justice communi-**
8 **ties, as defined in ORS 182.535, communities that have experienced**
9 **historic lack of investment, communities that have infrastructure in**
10 **need of critical upgrades and communities that have limited**
11 **infrastructure, and opportunities to increase the federal funding**
12 **readiness of those communities.**

13 **“(b) In developing the infrastructure funding readiness hub, Oregon**
14 **Solutions at Portland State University shall coordinate with the Re-**
15 **gional Solutions Program established under ORS 284.754, the entities**
16 **described in subsection (4) of this section, state agencies with pro-**
17 **grams related to infrastructure funding and other relevant entities.**

18 **“(c) Oregon Solutions at Portland State University shall submit a**
19 **report on the development of the infrastructure funding readiness hub,**
20 **in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, to the appropriate interim**
21 **committees of the Legislative Assembly no later than December 31,**
22 **2024.**

23 **“(3) Working in coordination with the infrastructure funding read-**
24 **iness hub, funding navigators shall perform the following functions in**
25 **their respective areas of expertise:**

26 **“(a) Increase access to information, resources and assistance for**
27 **navigating available funding opportunities related to infrastructure,**
28 **with a focus on near-term federal funding opportunities;**

29 **“(b) Develop an inventory of state matching funds needed to secure**
30 **federal funding; and**

1 “(c) Identify barriers to accessing state and federal funding oppor-
2 tunities or securing state or local matching funds.

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

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

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

10 “(C) The Special Districts Association of Oregon, to perform the
11 functions of a funding navigator as they relate to counties.

12 “(D) The Oregon Economic Development Districts Association, to
13 perform the functions of a funding navigator as they relate to eco-
14 nomic development districts and partner organizations.

15 “(E) The Oregon Conservation Partnership, to perform the func-
16 tions of a funding navigator as they relate to conservation groups.

17 “(F) The Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Economic Develop-
18 ment Corporation, to perform the functions of a funding navigator as
19 they relate to tribal governments.

20 “(G) The Oregon Community Foundation, to perform the functions
21 of a funding navigator as they relate to community-based organiza-
22 tions.

23 “(b) The agreements entered into under this subsection shall pro-
24 vide for the amount of \$300,000 to be paid to each of the entities de-
25 scribed in paragraph (a)(A) to (G) of this subsection to perform the
26 functions of a funding navigator.

27 “SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-
28 ation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Department of Administra-
29 tive Services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the
30 General Fund, the amount of \$2,400,000, which may be expended for

1 entering into the agreement with Oregon Solutions at Portland State
2 University described in section 1 of this 2023 Act.

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

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