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Bill Title: Relating to the Oregon Arts Commission; declaring an emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Oregon Business Development Department

Summary of Fiscal Impact

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Oregon Business Development Department	\$ 15,538,997	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,538,997	1	0.88
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 15,538,997	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,538,997	1	0.88

2027-29 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Oregon Business Development Department	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-

Measure Description

The measure appropriates \$15.5 million General Fund on a one-time basis to the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) in the 2025-27 biennium. The measure includes a \$10 million appropriation to OBDD for purposes of the Oregon Arts Commission and a \$5.5 million appropriation to OBDD for distribution to the Oregon Arts Commission for making grants to six arts organizations.

Fiscal Analysis

The measure directs OBDD to distribute the two appropriations to the Oregon Arts Commission. The Oregon Arts Commission will provide final direction to OBDD on how to distribute the \$10 million, but OBDD will administer the grant awards. OBDD anticipates 100 award contracts per year as a result of this funding. The measure also directs OBDD to distribute \$5.5 million to the Oregon Arts Commission for the purpose of making grants to six larger arts organizations, which are ineligible for operating support grants until July 1, 2026.

OBDD will require additional resources to manage this increase in workload. This fiscal impact assumes that the \$10 million appropriation in the measure will provide the funding for OBDD’s administrative costs. OBDD will need one full-time, limited-duration Accountant 1 position (0.88 FTE) to support the increase in disbursement volume and related fiscal management, as well as temporary workers hired via state contract to support administrative and clerical work as needed. The combined estimated cost for personal services is \$217,178 General Fund. In addition, OBDD will incur an estimated \$278,450 General Fund in position- and program-related services and supplies. OBDD’s total estimated administrative costs are anticipated to be \$495,628 General Fund in the 2025-27 biennium. After accounting for administrative costs, OBDD will distribute the remaining \$15 million of the total \$15.5 million appropriations. Program oversight and management responsibilities will be met with existing resources.

The measure is not anticipated to have a fiscal impact on OBDD in the 2027-29 biennium.

Relevant Dates

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

The measure prohibits the Oregon Arts Commission from distributing funds to the six named organizations from the operating support grant program prior to July 1, 2026.