

HB 3246 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure directs Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) to develop an Industrial Symbiosis Roadmap. It declares an emergency and is effective on passage.

Detailed Summary:

Defines industrial symbiosis as a business or organization using resources produced by another. Resources may include waste, by-products, residue, energy, water, logistics, capacity, expertise, equipment, and materials.

Directs OBDD to develop an Industrial Symbiosis Roadmap to promote these activities by:

- Identifying opportunities.
- Studying best practices and technology.
- Analyzing barriers to adoption.
- Recommending key performance indicators to measure progress.

Sets goals for industrial symbiosis in the state, including:

- Supporting and coordinating existing efforts.
- Facilitating new opportunities.
- Turning waste and by-products into valued resource inputs.
- Reducing waste management costs.
- Generating new business opportunities.
- Incentivizing pathways to green jobs that pay family wages.
- Identifying ways to improve environmental performance.
- Increasing size and diversity of business networks.
- Achieving environmental justice.
- Expanding statewide circular economy.
- Driving innovation.

Directs OBDD send a report on the roadmap to the Legislative Assembly by Sept 15, 2026.

Sunsets these requirements by January 2, 2028.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Types of industrial symbiosis projects planned in the state
- Examples of industrial symbiosis in other states
- Partnership between the public and private sectors
- Purpose of technical assistance
- Incentivizes for businesses to engage in industrial symbiosis

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-3 The amendment updates the industrial symbiosis definition and goals. It directs OBDD to implement a pilot program and appropriates \$1,300,000 to OBDD to provide technical assistance to pilot communities.

This summary has not been adopted or officially endorsed by action of the committee.

Detailed Summary:

Updates the definition of industrial symbiosis to a voluntary collaboration among businesses or organizations to exchange materials, energy, water, and by-products to optimize resource use, reduce waste, and enhance economic and environmental outcomes.

Modifies the industrial symbiosis goals.

Directs OBDD to select six pilot communities in Oregon to receive technical assistance to:

- Facilitate, plan, and design industrial symbiosis projects.
- Convene community meetings, identify infrastructure opportunities, and develop recommendations and next steps.

Directs OBDD to select communities that reflect geographic and industrial diversity to the extent practicable, including at least one community east and one west of the Cascade Range. Additionally, one community should be in the food processing industry, and another should be related to municipal wastewater.

Sets deadlines for OBDD to select the communities and to select an organization or service provider with expertise and documented experience in industrial symbiosis planning to provide technical assistance to all of the pilot communities.

Sunsets these requirements by January 2, 2028.

Appropriates \$1,300,000 to OBDD to provide the technical assistance to pilot communities.

Adds language to laws governing service districts, providing clarity that a county service district that provides services may derive revenue from other sources, adding funds obtained through charges imposed for district services, facilities, or commodities.

- *FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued.*
- *REVENUE: No revenue impact.*

BACKGROUND:

Industrial symbiosis is an infrastructure approach that involves using one facility's waste streams as resources for other businesses. Several Oregon communities have begun to explore industrial symbiosis projects. For example, [The Port of Astoria](#) is working to connect two seafood processors to capture and reuse water while recovering byproducts. House Bill 3246 directs Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) to develop an Industrial Symbiosis Roadmap. The -3 amendment directs OBDD to implement a pilot program and appropriates \$1,300,000 to OBDD to provide technical assistance to pilot communities implementing industrial symbiosis projects.