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Bill Title: Relating to fairs; declaring an emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Counties, Department of Administrative Services, Oregon Business Development Department, Oregon Lottery Commission, State Treasurer, Bonding

Summary of Fiscal Impact

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The measure removes the cap for the total amount that may be allocated from the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund (EDF) to the County Fair Account. Currently, the cap on EDF allocations to the County Fair Account is \$1.53 million annually, adjusted for inflation. The measure also reduces the amount of net lottery proceeds allocated from the EDF to the County Fair Account from 1% to nine-tenths of 1% (0.009%); and creates a new allocation of net lottery proceeds equal to one-tenth of 1% (0.001%) from the EDF to the State Fair Council.

The measure appropriates \$250,000 General Fund to the Oregon Business Development Department in the 2025-27 biennium to develop a master plan for county fairground capital construction. The measure appropriates \$2.5 million General Fund to the Department of Administrative Services to distribute to the Union County Fair Association for the purpose making water and sewer improvements.

The measure authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds under Article XI-Q of the Oregon Constitution in an amount that produces \$20.8 million in net proceeds for the Department of Administrative Services. Funds will be used to support the use of the Oregon State Fair and Exposition Center as a regional emergency and evacuee center. This measure will have a fiscal impact related to the issuance of general obligation bonds, including costs of issuance and General Fund debt service. Article XI-Q general obligation bond authority will need to be established for project proceeds and costs of issuance. Estimated General Fund debt service in the 2025-27 and 2027-29 biennia will depend on timing of the issuance.

A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.