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**Bill Title:** Relating to ports.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:** Oregon Business Development Department, Port Districts

**Summary of Fiscal Impact**

The measure is anticipated to have a fiscal impact on the Oregon Business Development Department.

**Measure Description**

The measure directs the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) to develop a program to provide financial assistance, including loans, forgivable loans, and grants, to Oregon ports for eligible port projects, defined as infrastructure, capital improvement or dredging projects. The Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority (IFA) within OBDD shall administer the program and adopt an application process by which an Oregon port that supports container shipping service may apply for financial assistance for eligible port projects. If an application is approved, an Oregon port awarded financial assistance for an eligible port project may enter an agreement with IFA to borrow or otherwise receive financial assistance, provided the agreement is authorized by an ordinance, resolution, or order adopted by the port’s governing body. If any financial assistance is in the form of a loan, the port shall grant IFA a lien on or a security interest in collateral necessary to secure repayment of the loan.

The measure establishes the Port Capital Improvement Fund, which is continuously appropriated to OBDD for IFA to carry out the provisions of this measure.

**Fiscal Analysis**

The measure directs OBDD to develop a program to provide financial assistance in the form of grants, loans, and forgivable loans to Oregon port districts that handle cargo containers used to transport goods. Financial assistance may only be used to pay for infrastructure, capital improvement, or dredging projects.

The measure establishes the Port Capital Improvement Fund to serve as the funding source for the proposed program, though it does not provide any funding. However, Policy Option Package 102 in the 2025-27 Governor’s budget requests \$20 million in one-time lottery bond proceeds, plus an additional \$196,000 for costs of issuance, to invest in a capital program to support ports with active container services. The recommended funding will provide the capitalization for awards of financial assistance under this proposed program. The proposed investment would be used primarily for major capital maintenance projects to ensure cranes, pavements, and dock infrastructure remain in good working condition. If Policy Option Package 102 were approved, the measure would have a fiscal impact on OBDD of \$20.2 million total funds in the 2025-27 biennium. OBDD would not need any additional staff to administer this program; however, OBDD would need increased Other Funds expenditure limitation to provide financial assistance from the Port Capital Improvement Fund.

The fiscal impact to OBDD in the 2027-29 biennium is indeterminate, as it is unknown whether additional funding will be provided for this program.

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The measure is anticipated to have a minimal fiscal impact on Oregon's 23 port districts because they will only incur costs to the extent that they apply for financial assistance. Port districts that apply for and are awarded financial assistance would be able to pay for critical infrastructure improvements, thus enabling them to continue their operations into the future. For port districts that are awarded financial assistance, the fiscal impact will depend on whether they are provided loans, forgivable loans, or grants.

**Relevant Dates**

The measure takes effect 91 days after adjournment sine die.