

**SB 921 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Labor and Business**

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**Action Date:** 03/18/25

**Action:** Do pass with amendments and requesting referral to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Engrossed.)

**Vote:** 4-0-1-0

**Yeas:** 4 - Bonham, Pham, Taylor, Woods

**Exc:** 1 - Hayden

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/11, 3/18

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure permits the Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority to approve, and enter into a loan contract for, a project by the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay for the repair of marine ways at the Charleston Shipyard, subject to the legal provisions of the Oregon Port Revolving Fund Act. Allocates, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, \$1,500,000 from the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund to the Oregon Business Development Department for deposit in the Oregon Port Revolving Fund for the purpose of making this loan.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Role of the International Port of Coos Bay
- Ownership of the Charleston Shipyard
- Potential impact of the measure
- Investment process of the measure

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Replaces the measure.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon Business Development Department (Department) has many responsibilities, one of which is coordinating state and federal economic and community development programs. The department currently administers over 80 grant, loan, tax incentive, and other related programs in Oregon. One program within the department is the Infrastructure and Community Facilities Inventory (Inventory). This Inventory is intended to provide a reliable and regular assessment of community needs and priority projects in Oregon and is conducted on a biannual basis. It is a statewide inventory of short and long-term capital construction needs within local communities and port districts in Oregon. The first Inventory occurred in 2021. The Oregon Business Development Commission (Commission) provides oversight and direction to the department. The Commission consists of nine members, with most members serving four-year terms.

The Oregon Port Revolving Fund provides loan funding to assist ports in the planning and construction of facilities and infrastructure. Oregon law specifies which port districts are eligible to apply. Eligible expenses include such things as project planning, engineering, construction, operation, and maintenance. Ports may finance no more than \$3 million from the Fund and repayment begins within one year after the date of the loan contract.

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