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Bill Title: Relating to rural community resources; declaring an emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Oregon Business Development Department, Cities, Counties, Burns Paiute Tribe, Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Confederated Tribes of Siletz, Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Coquille Indian Tribe, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians, Klamath Tribes

Summary of Fiscal Impact

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Oregon Business Development Department	\$ 6,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000,000	-	-
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 6,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000,000	-	-

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

- The fiscal impact does not include duplicative Other Funds expenditure limitation necessary to expend General Fund revenue deposited by the measure into the Rural Community Resource Leverage Fund. Additional Other Funds expenditure limitation will be needed to properly budget for the impact of the measure if it is adopted.

Measure Description

The measure directs the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) to enter into an agreement with a nonprofit organization or local government association to serve as a statewide rural community resource center. The center must provide technical assistance to rural jurisdictions to assist them with developing plans for community facilities, infrastructure, revitalization, housing, and economic development; developing and submitting proposals for public and private awards to fund such plans; and managing the funds awarded to them to carry out any such plan. The measure specifies that the center shall have a staff of seven professionals, each of whom will provide technical assistance in a specific field of expertise. In addition to providing technical assistance, the center shall serve as a hub for funding and resources available to rural jurisdictions.

The measure establishes the Rural Community Resource Leverage Fund, which is continuously appropriated to OBDD for distribution to the organization selected to administer the rural community resource center. The center shall use moneys in the fund to assist rural jurisdictions in developing and submitting proposals for public and private awards, including grants, with preference given to proposals that require matching funds. The center may also use moneys in the fund to directly seek public and private awards for deposit in the fund. The measure includes a one-time appropriation of \$6 million General Fund to OBDD in the 2025-27 biennium to distribute to

the organization selected to administer the center. The measure designates \$3 million for the center’s professional staff and \$3 million for distribution as grants.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact of the measure is \$6 million General Fund in the 2025-27 biennium. OBDD anticipates soliciting and executing a professional services contract with an organization to serve as a rural resource center in late 2025, with the funding fully disbursed in the 2025-27 biennium. Existing agency staff will provide contract management services for the organization selected to operate the proposed statewide rural resource center. Although the professional services contract between OBDD and the selected organization will have extensive reporting requirements and performance expectations, the scope of the proposed work will require minimal additional resources. However, OBDD will need additional Other Funds expenditure limitation in the 2025-27 biennium to distribute the \$6 million to the organization selected to operate the center.

The measure is not anticipated to have a fiscal impact on cities, counties, and the nine federally recognized Indian tribes in Oregon, as participation in the program is optional.

Relevant Dates

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.