

House Bill 2304

Sponsored by Representatives MANNIX, EVANS, Senator ANDERSON; Representatives DRAZAN, LEVY B, OSBORNE, SCHARF, Senators FREDERICK, MEEK, PATTERSON, STARR (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act addresses how lottery money is allocated to the County Fair Account. The Act allocates lottery money to the State Fair Council. The Act tells an agency to create a master plan for county fair building. The Act gives money related to the master plan. The Act allows the issuance of bonds for an emergency and evacuee center. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.5).

Removes the requirement that the amount of net proceeds from the Oregon State Lottery allocated to the County Fair Account not exceed \$1.53 million annually.

Requires the Oregon Business Development Department to prepare and report a master plan for county fairground capital construction. Specifies content and procedural requirements for the report.

Appropriates moneys to the department out of the General Fund for consultant services related to the report.

Authorizes the issuance of bonds under Article XI-Q of the Oregon Constitution to support the use of the Oregon State Fair and Exposition Center as a regional emergency and evacuee center.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to fairs; creating new provisions; amending ORS 565.447; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 565.447 is amended to read:

5 565.447. (1) Subject only to the availability of unobligated net lottery proceeds, there is allocated
6 from the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund to:

7 (a) The County Fair Account created under ORS 565.445 an amount equal to **nine-tenths of**
8 one percent of the net proceeds from the Oregon State Lottery[, *but not to exceed \$1.53 million an-*
9 *nually, adjusted biennially pursuant to an inflation factor determined by dividing the Consumer Price*
10 *Index for All Urban Consumers, West Region (All Items), as published by the Bureau of Labor Sta-*
11 *tistics of the United States Department of Labor, for January 1 immediately preceding commencement*
12 *of the biennium, by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers of the Portland, Oregon,*
13 *Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area, as compiled by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau*
14 *of Labor Statistics, for January 1, 2001.]; and*

15 (b) **The State Fair Council, for deposit as described in ORS 565.539, an amount equal to**
16 **one-tenth of one percent of the net proceeds from the Oregon State Lottery. Moneys allo-**
17 **cated to the council under this paragraph shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any**
18 **moneys otherwise typically provided to the council by the Oregon Department of Adminis-**
19 **trative Services.**

20 (2) The allocation of moneys from the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund un-
21 der this section is subject to the requirements in section 4, Article XV of the Oregon Constitution,
22 for deposit of specified amounts of the net proceeds from the Oregon State Lottery into the Educa-
23 tion Stability Fund and into the Parks and Natural Resources Fund and shall be made only after

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 satisfaction or payment of:

2 (a) Amounts allocated to Westside lottery bonds issued under ORS 391.140 or to the reserves
 3 or any refunding related to the Westside lottery bonds in accordance with the priority for allocation
 4 and disbursement established by ORS 391.130;

5 (b) All liens, pledges or other obligations relating to lottery bonds or refunding lottery bonds
 6 due or payable during the year for which an allocation is to be made; and

7 (c) Amounts required by any other pledges of, or liens on, net proceeds from the Oregon State
 8 Lottery.

9 **SECTION 2. (1) The Oregon Business Development Department shall develop a master
 10 plan for county fairground capital construction. The master plan shall consist of five-year
 11 and 10-year capital construction plans for each county fairground in this state and any
 12 findings or recommendations of the department regarding county fairground capital con-
 13 struction.**

14 (2) The department shall retain a consultant to work with each county fair board, the
 15 board of directors for each fair association exercising powers under ORS 565.268 and the
 16 board of each fair district operating under ORS 565.275 to identify the five-year and 10-year
 17 capital construction needs for county fairground facilities. The department shall work with
 18 the consultant in developing the master plan for county fairground capital construction.

19 (3) The department shall complete the master plan and shall submit a report on the
 20 master plan in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 to the interim committees of the Legis-
 21 lative Assembly related to natural resources no later than September 15, 2026. The depart-
 22 ment shall provide copies of the report to each county fair board and to the boards for each
 23 fair association and fair district.

24 **SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is repealed on July 1, 2027.**

25 **SECTION 4. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
 26 ated to the Oregon Business Development Department, for the biennium beginning July 1,
 27 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$250,000, which may be expended by the de-
 28 partment for consultant services described under section 2 of this 2025 Act.**

29 **SECTION 5. (1) In addition to and not in lieu of any authorization to issue general obli-
 30 gation bonds under ORS 286A.035, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, at the request of
 31 the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, the State Treasurer may issue Article
 32 XI-Q bonds under ORS 286A.816 to 286A.826 in an amount that produces \$20,838,690 of net
 33 proceeds for the purpose specified in subsection (2) of this section, plus an amount estimated
 34 by the State Treasurer to pay bond-related costs.**

35 (2) Net proceeds of bonds issued under this section must be transferred to the depart-
 36 ment for the purposes of acquiring, constructing, remodeling, repairing, equipping or fur-
 37 nishing real or personal property to support the use of the Oregon State Fair and Exposition
 38 Center as a regional emergency and evacuee center.

39 **SECTION 6. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
 40 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect
 41 on its passage.**