

House Bill 2756

Sponsored by Representatives EVANS, GOMBERG, Senator WOODS, Representative MANNIX (Pre-session 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 tells the OBDD to establish a trade center for Oregon in Taiwan and Vietnam. (Flesch Readability Score: 68.9).

Directs the Oregon Business Development Department to establish the Oregon-Taiwan Trade Center and the Oregon-Vietnam Trade Center.

Requires the department to study options to reorganize the agency staff structure for the purpose of fostering economic relations and expanding trade between Oregon and the countries in which a trade center is established. Requires the department to submit a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to economic development no later than September 15, 2026.

Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2025.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to international economic relations; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) To foster investment and trade relations between Oregon and the fol-**
5 **lowing countries, the Oregon Business Development Department shall establish:**

6 (a) **The Oregon-Taiwan Trade Center in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, no later than January 1,**
7 **2026.**

8 (b) **The Oregon-Vietnam Trade Center in Hanoi, Vietnam, no later than January 1, 2028.**

9 (2)(a) **The department may establish additional offices in Taiwan or Vietnam as necessary**
10 **to foster economic relations or expand trade.**

11 (b) **The department shall establish a designated fund at each trade center for the purpose**
12 **of supporting strategic priorities.**

13 (3) **Each trade center described in subsection (1) of this section at a minimum must have**
14 **the following staff:**

15 (a) **One person who is the director of the trade center with oversight authority and re-**
16 **sponsibility for all Oregon employees working at the center.**

17 (b) **At least person who is a representative from the State Department of Agriculture.**

18 (c) **One person with expertise in international trade from the Oregon Business Develop-**
19 **ment Department.**

20 (d) **One person who is a recruiter from a public university in Oregon.**

21 (e) **One person with expertise in manufacturing and industrial systems.**

22 (f) **One person with expertise in emergency management.**

23 (g) **Any other staff necessary to support operations at the trade center.**

24 **SECTION 2. (1) The Oregon Business Development Department shall study the most ef-**
25 **fective option to reorganize agency staff structure in Oregon and at the trade centers de-**
26 **scribed in section 1 of this 2025 Act for the purpose of fostering economic relations and**

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1 expanding trade between Oregon and the countries in which a trade center is established.

2 (2) In conducting the study, the department shall collaborate with and consider the views
3 of the following appointees:

4 (a) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among the members of
5 the Senate.

6 (b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from the
7 members of the House of Representatives.

8 (c) The Governor may appoint subject-matter experts as appropriate.

9 (3) The department shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and
10 may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative
11 Assembly related to economic development no later than September 15, 2026.

12 SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.

13 SECTION 4. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
14 ated to the Oregon Business Development Department, for the biennium beginning July 1,
15 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$500,000, to carry out section 1 (2)(b) of this
16 2025 Act.

17 SECTION 5. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
18 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect
19 July 1, 2025.

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