

House Bill 2880

Sponsored by Representative EVANS (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

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Digest: The Act allows an agency to give grants to some cities for public transit projects. (Flesch Readability Score: 67.5).

Authorizes the Oregon Business Development Department to make grants to certain small cities for the purposes of studying, developing and capitalizing public transit systems. Appropriates moneys to the department for the grant program.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to grants to small cities for public transit.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Business Development Department may make grants to a**
5 **city with a population of 35,000 or less that:**

6 (a) **Has within its corporate boundaries a community college or a public university listed**
7 **in ORS 352.002 with at least 3,000 full-time students;**

8 (b) **Has entered into a formal public-private public transit delivery agreement;**

9 (c) **Has potential for linkage for regional public transit opportunities;**

10 (d) **Has a strategic plan that includes public transit for health care availability, housing-**
11 **to-work access, traffic congestion mitigation and regional economic development; or**

12 (e) **Needs both intracommunity and intercommunity public transit.**

13 (2) **Grants must be used for:**

14 (a) **An initial feasibility study on the scale, scope, shape and size of a public transit sys-**
15 **tem;**

16 (b) **Establishment of a public-private partnership, including at least one community col-**
17 **lege or public university and one city, for delivery of a public transit system; or**

18 (c) **Initial capitalization of a public transit system.**

19 (3)(a) **Any city described in subsection (1) of this section may apply for a grant under this**
20 **section by submitting a completed application and related information as required by the**
21 **department by rule.**

22 (b) **An application must require the city to:**

23 (A) **Include a formal statement of intent to partner on a community-wide public transit**
24 **system;**

25 (B) **Identify a public agency that will manage the grant; and**

26 (C) **Include a good-faith statement of intent to develop and maintain a community-wide**
27 **public transit system, through partnerships, direct or contracted services or an intergov-**
28 **ernmental agreement entered into under ORS chapter 190, based on a validated feasibility**
29 **study demonstrating long-term sustainability of a public transit system to be operating not**

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1 later than 2036.

2 (c) The application shall be filed, reviewed and approved or rejected in accordance with
3 rules adopted by the department.

4 SECTION 2. There is appropriated to the Oregon Business Development Department, for
5 the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____ for the
6 purpose of making grants under section 1 of this 2025 Act.

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