

## A-Engrossed House Bill 3246

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### 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. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

**Digest:** The Act would have Business Oregon develop a plan to promote industrial symbiosis, which is defined to mean the use of the resources of one firm by a second firm. The Act would require a report on the plan to be turned in next year. The Act would appropriate funds to be used for technical aid for up to six symbiosis pilot programs. The Act would let certain county service districts fund water resource services with charges for services, works or commodities. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.1).

*[Digest: The Act would have Business Oregon develop a plan to promote industrial symbiosis, which is defined to mean the use of the resources of one firm by a second firm. The Act would have the agency submit a report on the plan next year. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.4).]*

Directs the Oregon Business Development Department to develop a roadmap for the purpose of promoting **voluntary** industrial symbiosis activities in Oregon. **Requires the department to submit a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to economic development not later than September 15, 2026. Appropriates moneys to the Oregon Business Development Department to fund technical assistance for up to six industrial symbiosis pilot communities in Oregon. Authorizes certain county service districts to fund water resource management services with charges for district services, facilities or commodities.**

*[Sunsets on January 2, 2028.]*

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to circular economy; creating new provisions; amending ORS 451.490; and declaring an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1.** (1) As used in this section and section 2 of this 2025 Act, “industrial symbiosis” means voluntary collaboration among businesses or organizations to exchange materials, energy, water and by-products in order to optimize resource use, reduce waste and enhance economic and environmental outcomes.

(2) The Oregon Business Development Department shall develop an Industrial Symbiosis Roadmap for the purpose of promoting voluntary industrial symbiosis activities in Oregon by:

(a) Identifying and describing voluntary industrial symbiosis opportunities;

(b) Studying best practices and technologies;

(c) Analyzing barriers to adoption; and

(d) Recommending key performance indicators to measure progress on achieving industrial symbiosis goals.

(3) Oregon’s industrial symbiosis goals include, but are not limited to:

**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.

- (a) Supporting and coordinating existing industrial symbiosis efforts;
- (b) Facilitating new voluntary industrial symbiosis opportunities;
- (c) Turning waste and by-products into valued resource inputs;
- (d) Reducing waste management costs;
- (e) Generating new business opportunities;
- (f) Increasing family wage job opportunities;
- (g) Improving environmental performance; and
- (h) Driving business innovation.

(4) Not later than September 15, 2026, the department shall submit a report on the roadmap to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to economic development in the manner provided in ORS 192.245. The report may include recommendations for legislation.

**SECTION 2.** (1) The Oregon Business Development Department shall select up to six industrial symbiosis pilot communities in Oregon to receive technical assistance to:

- (a) Facilitate, plan, and design industrial symbiosis projects; and
- (b) Convene community meetings, identify infrastructure opportunities and develop recommendations and next steps for future industrial symbiosis projects.

(2) To the extent practicable, the department should select industrial symbiosis pilot communities to reflect geographic and industrial diversity, with at least one pilot community:

- (a) Located east of the Cascade Range;
- (b) Located west of the Cascade Range;
- (c) Within the food processing industry; and
- (d) That relates to municipal wastewater.

(3) As soon as practicable, and in no event later than December 31, 2025, the department shall, through an open and competitive bidding process, select an organization or service provider with expertise and documented experience in industrial symbiosis planning to provide the technical assistance described in subsection (1) of this section to all the industrial symbiosis pilot communities selected under this section.

(4) As soon as practicable, and in no event later than July 1, 2026, the department shall select the industrial symbiosis pilot communities.

**SECTION 3.** There is appropriated to the Oregon Business Development Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$1,300,000 for the purpose of providing technical assistance to industrial symbiosis pilot communities in accordance with section 2 of this 2025 Act.

**SECTION 4.** Sections 1 and 2 of this 2025 Act are repealed on January 2, 2028.

**SECTION 5.** ORS 451.490 is amended to read:

451.490. The district may, in accordance with the order adopted under ORS 451.485, finance the construction, operation or maintenance of service facilities for a district by:

- (1) Use of funds from a fund established under ORS 280.055 or 451.540 to be repaid by the district without interest.
- (2) Assessments against the property in the district with or without issuance of bonds authorized under ORS 223.205, 223.210 to 223.295 and 223.770.
- (3) Service or user charges in the district.
- (4) Connection charges.

1 (5) District ad valorem taxes.

2 (6) Sale of bonds.

3 (7) Funds obtained under ORS 280.040, 280.050, 280.060, 280.070, 280.080 and 280.090. A district  
4 local option tax adopted under ORS 280.060 shall not authorize a tax in any fiscal year later than  
5 the fiscal year in which the district is subject to dissolution under ORS 451.620 (1) and (2).

6 **(8) For districts providing services authorized under ORS 451.010 (1)(a) or (5), funds ob-**  
7 **tained through charges imposed for district services, facilities or commodities.**

8 [(8)] (9) Any combination of the provisions of subsections (1) to [(7)] (8) of this section.

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