

House Bill 3980

Sponsored by Representative OWENS, Senators GIROD, SMITH DB, Representative LEVY B, Senator WEBER; Representatives DRAZAN, GOMBERG, HARTMAN, LEVY E, MCLAIN, Senators ANDERSON, BROADMAN, FREDERICK, MCLANE, SOLLMAN (at the request of Association of Oregon Counties, League of Oregon Cities)

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 would make it so that municipalities are able to get loans and grants for levee projects. (Flesch Readability Score: 66.3).

Makes municipalities eligible for financial assistance for certain levee projects.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to levee projects; creating new provisions; amending ORS 285B.420; and declaring an
3 emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 285B.420 is amended to read:

6 285B.420. (1) The Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority may provide financial assistance in
7 the form of loans or grants for a levee project to:

8 [*(a) Drainage districts organized under ORS chapter 547;*]

9 **(a) Municipalities;**

10 (b) Corporations or companies for drainage or flood control organized under ORS chapter 554;
11 and

12 (c) For-profit or nonprofit entities and individuals engaged in the ownership, construction, in-
13 spection, accreditation, certification or repair of levees.

14 (2) To qualify for financial assistance under this section, the [*district*] **municipality**, corporation,
15 company, entity or individual must demonstrate, and the authority must find, that the levee project
16 substantially contributes to the improvement, expansion or repair of the state's or a municipality's
17 infrastructure system and is essential for the use or development of farm, industrial or commercial
18 land in Oregon.

19 (3) Levee projects that receive financial assistance under this section are subject to the pro-
20 visions and requirements of ORS 285B.410 to 285B.482, if applicable.

21 **SECTION 2.** The amendments to ORS 285B.420 by section 1 of this 2025 Act apply to fi-
22 nancial assistance provided under ORS 285B.420 before, on or after the effective date of this
23 2025 Act.

24 **SECTION 3.** This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
25 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect
26 on its passage.

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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.