

Senate Bill 1131

Sponsored by Senator GELSER BLOUIN, Representative MCDONALD

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: This Act tells DAS to give a grant to the Chintimini Wildlife Center. (Flesch Readability Score: 76.5).

Directs the Oregon Department of Administrative Services to award a grant to the Chintimini Wildlife Center.

Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2025.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to the Chintimini Wildlife Center; and declaring an emergency.

2 Whereas increased wildfire activity has had a profound impact on the health of wildlife across
3 Oregon; and

4 Whereas wildlife hospitals have struggled to meet the demand of wildlife that need care, and the
5 Chintimini Wildlife Center in Corvallis is now the only comprehensive wildlife rehabilitation center
6 left in the Willamette Valley, serving Linn, Benton, Lane, Marion and Lincoln Counties; and

7 Whereas the Chintimini Wildlife Center is a privately funded organization with no ongoing
8 government support and is a tremendous resource to the region; and

9 Whereas the Chintimini Wildlife Center provides care for more than 2,000 injured and orphaned
10 native wild animals each year, preparing them for release back into their natural habitats, and
11 benefits from volunteers who donate nearly 20,000 hours of service every year; and

12 Whereas the Chintimini Wildlife Center engages the community in the natural environment by
13 providing community education activities and sponsoring inclusive summer learning programs for
14 children of all ages; and

15 Whereas the construction of improved accessible paths and expanded facilities for wildlife will
16 make the Chintimini Wildlife Center a regional destination for Oregonians of all ages and will create
17 a sustainable revenue stream to support the ongoing work of the center to rehabilitate Oregon
18 wildlife; and

19 Whereas the construction of a new nature center in Corvallis will be a natural, educational and
20 cultural asset to the region and this state; now, therefore,

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

22 **SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall award a grant**
23 **to the Chintimini Wildlife Center. The grant shall be for the purposes of building or im-**
24 **proving:**

25 **(a) Modern wildlife enclosures;**

26 **(b) Paths that are accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities, in accordance**
27 **with the Americans with Disabilities Act; and**

28 **(c) Other facilities or infrastructure necessary to expand the ability of the center to**
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1 support education, outreach and visitor opportunities.

2 (2) The base amount of the grant awarded under this section shall be \$1.5 million. The
3 department may award an additional amount of up to \$500,000, if the center certifies to the
4 department that the center has raised matching funds in that amount from other sources.

5 (3) The department may impose such conditions on the grant awarded under this section
6 as is necessary to ensure that grant moneys are used for the purposes for which they were
7 awarded.

8 **SECTION 2.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
9 ated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, for the biennium beginning July
10 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$2,000,000 for the purpose of carrying out
11 section 1 of this 2025 Act.

12 **SECTION 3.** Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2028.

13 **SECTION 4.** This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
14 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect
15 July 1, 2025.
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