

A-Engrossed Senate Bill 223

Ordered by the Senate February 26
Including Senate Amendments dated February 26

Sponsored by Senators GIROD, SOLLMAN, MANNING JR; Senators ANDERSON, FREDERICK, GELSER BLOUIN, GORSEK, JAMA, PROZANSKI, REYNOLDS, SMITH DB, TAYLOR, WAGNER (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. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act directs the OBDD to make and give plaques to schools. The plaques honor Senator Peter Courtney's support of funding seismic safety for schools. (Flesch Readability Score: 72.3).

[Digest: The Act directs ODE to design and give plaques to schools that have benefited from Senator Peter Courtney's support of funding seismic safety for schools. (Flesch Readability Score: 81.1).]

Directs the *[Department of Education]* **Oregon Business Development Department** to *[design]* **create** and distribute memorial plaques to schools in honor of Senator Peter Courtney's contributions in supporting seismic rehabilitation funding. Directs recipients to display plaques *[at the front entrance]* **in a location that is easily visible to visitors to the school.**

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to seismic rehabilitation memorial plaques for schools; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "qualifying school" means a building or preman-**
5 **ufactured structure that is used to provide educational services to children in any grade**
6 **from kindergarten through grade 12 and that has received a distribution for seismic reha-**
7 **ilitation from the Education Seismic Fund pursuant to ORS 286A.768.**

8 **(2) To recognize and honor Senator Peter Courtney's contributions for his role in sup-**
9 **porting seismic rehabilitation funding for schools in this state, the Oregon Business Devel-**
10 **opment Department shall create and distribute memorial plaques to schools that have**
11 **received distributions from the Education Seismic Fund under ORS 286A.768 beginning on**
12 **or after January 1, 2009, and have completed projects before the effective date of this 2025**
13 **Act.**

14 **(3) A qualifying school that receives a memorial plaque shall:**

15 **(a) Prominently display the plaque so that it is easily viewable by visitors to the school;**
16 **and**

17 **(b) Mount the plaque for display not later than one year after the date of receiving the**
18 **plaque.**

19 **(4) The department shall distribute the plaques to the qualifying schools no later than**
20 **January 1, 2028.**

21 **SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
22 **ated to the Oregon Business Development Department for deposit into the Education Seismic**
23 **Fund, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of**

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.

1 \$_____, which may be expended for providing Peter Courtney memorial plaques under sec-
2 tion 1 of this 2025 Act.

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

4 **SECTION 4.** (1) As used in this section, “qualifying school” means a building or preman-
5 ufactured structure that is used to provide educational services to children in any grade
6 from kindergarten through grade 12 and that has received a distribution for seismic reha-
7 bilitation from the Education Seismic Fund pursuant to ORS 286A.768.

8 (2) To recognize and honor Senator Peter Courtney’s contributions for his role in sup-
9 porting seismic rehabilitation funding for schools in this state, the Oregon Business Devel-
10 opment Department shall create and distribute memorial plaques to schools that have
11 received distributions from the Education Seismic Fund under ORS 286A.768.

12 (3) A qualifying school that receives a memorial plaque shall:

13 (a) Prominently display the plaque so that it is easily viewable by visitors to the school;
14 and

15 (b) Mount the plaque for display not later than one year after the date of receiving the
16 plaque.

17 (4) The department shall adopt rules requiring that a portion of the grant funds distrib-
18 uted to qualifying schools on or after the effective date of this 2025 Act is used to create
19 memorial plaques.

20 **SECTION 5.** (1) Section 4 of this 2025 Act applies to seismic rehabilitation projects com-
21 pleted by qualifying schools on or after the effective date of this 2025 Act.

22 (2) As used in this section, “qualifying school” has the meaning given that term in sec-
23 tion 4 of this 2025 Act.

24 **SECTION 6.** This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025
25 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

26