

Senate Bill 462

Sponsored by Senator WEBER; Senator FREDERICK, Representatives LEVY B, WRIGHT (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 **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: This Act makes Business Oregon create a required course for land use planners. (Flesch Readability Score: 69.9).

Requires the Oregon Business Development Department to establish an education course for land use planners for local governments, special districts and state agencies. Requires completion of the course at least once every two years.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to continuing education course for planners.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 197.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) The Oregon Business Development Department shall develop a continuing**
6 **education course that provides training and testing for participants regarding:**

7 (a) **Basic economic principles related to land development, including land acquisition,**
8 **development costs, time value of money, risk assessment and supply and demand;**

9 (b) **The societal benefits of property ownership, including homeownership;**

10 (c) **Basic principles of Oregon land use law, including state requirements for housing; and**

11 (d) **The economic impact of regulation.**

12 (2) **The instructors responsible for teaching and developing the course must be involved**
13 **in or represent the development industry.**

14 (3) **Except for employees of the Land Conservation and Development Commission and**
15 **Land Use Board of Appeals, the course is required at least once every two years and within**
16 **one year of employment for any individual, other than an elected official, who is employed**
17 **by a local government, special district, or state agency, and who is responsible for:**

18 (a) **Applying or interpreting a Land Conservation and Development Commission rule,**
19 **state agency coordination program, statewide land use planning goal, comprehensive plan,**
20 **Metro functional plan or a land use regulation;**

21 (b) **Adopting or amending a state agency coordination program, statewide land use plan-**
22 **ning goal, comprehensive plan, Metro functional plan or a land use regulation; or**

23 (c) **Making a land use decision or limited land use decision.**

24 (4) **The course may be made available in a variety of formats. The department may**
25 **charge a reasonable fee to course participants for the purposes of covering the costs of**
26 **creating and administering the course. The course must be free for elected officials who elect**
27 **to attend the course.**

28 (5) **The department shall maintain records of completion of the course for a period of six**
29 **years.**

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 **SECTION 3.** Notwithstanding section 2 (3) of this 2025 Act, individuals who, on the ef-
2 fective date of this 2025 Act, are required to complete the course as described in section 2
3 (3) of this 2025 Act must first complete the course by no later than January 1, 2028.

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