

# House Bill 3135

Sponsored by Representative BREESE-IVERSON (Presession 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: The Act tells an agency to award grants to soil and water conservation districts. The Act gives the agency money for the grants. (Flesch Readability Score: 70.1).

Directs the Oregon Department of Administrative Services to award grants to soil and water conservation districts that operate in certain counties.

Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the department for awarding the grants.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to water conservation; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall provide a grant**  
5 **to a soil and water conservation district that operates in at least three of the following**  
6 **counties:**

7 (a) **Crook County;**

8 (b) **Jefferson County;**

9 (c) **Klamath County;**

10 (d) **Deschutes County;**

11 (e) **Harney County; or**

12 (f) **Lake County.**

13 (2) **In rural areas of this state, the districts that receive grants under this section shall**  
14 **coordinate efforts to identify and apply for sources of funding for western juniper treatment,**  
15 **or other water conservation projects, among cities, counties or other districts.**

16 (3) **The prevailing rate of wage, as defined in ORS 279C.800, does not apply to activities**  
17 **under a grant awarded pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, unless the grant is for**  
18 **\$750,000 or more.**

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 Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2028.**

20 **SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**  
21 **ated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, for the biennium beginning July**  
22 **1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$15,000,000, which may be expended for the**  
23 **purpose of carrying out section 1 of this 2025 Act.**

24 **SECTION 4. 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.