

# House Bill 3246

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## 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 have Business Oregon develop a plan to promote industrial symbiosis, which is defined to mean the use of the resources of one firm by a second firm. The Act would have the agency submit a report on the plan next year. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.4).

Directs the Oregon Business Development Department to develop a roadmap for the purpose of promoting industrial symbiosis activities in Oregon.

Sunsets on January 2, 2028.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to circular economy; and declaring an emergency.

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

3 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "industrial symbiosis" means the use by one**  
4 **business or organization of the resources produced by or belonging to another, including, but**  
5 **not limited to:**

6 (a) **Waste;**

7 (b) **By-products;**

8 (c) **Residues;**

9 (d) **Energy;**

10 (e) **Water;**

11 (f) **Logistics;**

12 (g) **Capacity;**

13 (h) **Expertise;**

14 (i) **Equipment; and**

15 (j) **Materials.**

16 (2) **The Oregon Business Development Department shall develop an Industrial Symbiosis**  
17 **Roadmap for the purpose of promoting industrial symbiosis activities in Oregon by:**

18 (a) **Identifying and describing industrial symbiosis opportunities;**

19 (b) **Studying best practices and technologies;**

20 (c) **Analyzing barriers to adoption; and**

21 (d) **Recommending key performance indicators to measure progress on achieving indus-**  
22 **trial symbiosis goals.**

23 (3) **Oregon's industrial symbiosis goals include, but are not limited to:**

24 (a) **Supporting and coordinating existing industrial symbiosis efforts;**

25 (b) **Facilitating new industrial symbiosis opportunities;**

26 (c) **Turning waste and by-products into valued resource inputs;**  
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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.

- 1       **(d) Reducing waste management costs;**
- 2       **(e) Generating new business opportunities;**
- 3       **(f) Incentivizing pathways to green jobs that pay a family wage;**
- 4       **(g) Identifying means of improving environmental performance;**
- 5       **(h) Increasing the size and diversity of business networks;**
- 6       **(i) Achieving environmental justice in goals and policies;**
- 7       **(j) Expanding the statewide circular economy; and**
- 8       **(k) Driving innovation.**

9       **(4) Not later than September 15, 2026, the department shall submit a report on the**  
10 **roadmap to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to economic devel-**  
11 **opment in the manner provided in ORS 192.245. The report may include recommendations for**  
12 **legislation.**

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

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

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