

# Senate Bill 569

Sponsored by Senator WOODS (at the request of Loretta Smith) (Presession filed.)

## SUMMARY

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Digest: Tells a state agency to grant money to groups that help a business to get certified as a minority owned business so it can have a better chance to get public contracts. Tells the agency to figure out how to award the grants and watch how well the groups that get the money do. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.4).

Directs the Oregon Business Development Department to establish a program to provide grants to nonprofit and community-based organizations that assist businesses owned by minority individuals to become certified by the Certification Office for Business Inclusion and Diversity as minority-owned businesses so that the certified businesses can compete effectively for public contracts. Requires the department to develop criteria for awarding grants and for monitoring the performance of grant recipients.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to organizations that assist with COBID certification.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **"Minority individual" has the meaning given that term in ORS 200.005.**

6 (b) **"Minority-owned business" has the meaning given that term in ORS 200.005.**

7 (2) **The Oregon Business Development Department shall establish a program to provide**  
8 **grants to qualified nonprofit or community-based organizations that assist businesses in be-**  
9 **coming certified under ORS 200.055 as minority-owned businesses.**

10 (3) **The department by rule shall develop criteria for qualifying an organization to receive**  
11 **grants under the program described in subsection (2) of this section. The criteria must con-**  
12 **sider, at a minimum:**

13 (a) **The extent to which the organization has demonstrated a history of supporting the**  
14 **development of businesses owned by minority individuals.**

15 (b) **Whether the organization provides such direct assistance as mentoring, education**  
16 **and other resources.**

17 (c) **How the organization would plan to use the grant moneys to assist businesses to be-**  
18 **come certified as minority-owned businesses and how effective the organization's plan is**  
19 **likely to be.**

20 (4) **The department by rule shall develop and implement methods for determining that**  
21 **recipients of grant moneys under the program described in subsection (2) of this section use**  
22 **the grant moneys effectively to carry out the purpose specified in subsection (2) of this sec-**  
23 **tion.**

24 (5) **The department shall monitor and evaluate the extent to which recipients of grant**  
25 **moneys enabled businesses owned by minority individuals to become certified under ORS**  
26 **200.055 as minority-owned businesses and how any increases in certifications affected the**

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1 economic resilience of communities within which the newly certified businesses operate.

2 (6) The department, not later than September 1, 2026, shall submit a report to the Leg-  
3 islative Assembly as provided in ORS 192.245 that includes, at a minimum, the following in-  
4 formation as of the date of the report:

5 (a) The identity of all grant recipients under the program;

6 (b) The amount of each grant;

7 (c) The number of businesses that each grant recipient contacted and assisted;

8 (d) The number of businesses that become certified under ORS 200.055 as minority-owned  
9 businesses as a result of assistance from grant recipients; and

10 (e) An overall assessment of the effects of the grant program on rates of certification  
11 and the economic resilience of communities within which the newly certified businesses op-  
12 erate.

13 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated to the Oregon Business Development Department, for  
14 the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$4,000,000 for  
15 the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 1 of this 2025 Act.

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