

House Bill 2955

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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**.

Directs Department of Education to administer process for providing funding for activities related to annual conference dedicated to Oregon civics and held on Oregon Civics Day for Teachers. Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Education for purpose of conference. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2015.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to Oregon Civics Day for Teachers; creating new provisions; amending ORS 336.029; and
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 336.029 is amended to read:

6 336.029. (1) The first Friday in December is known as the Oregon Civics Day for Teachers.

7 (2) The purpose of the Oregon Civics Day for Teachers is to give teachers the opportunity to
8 learn about civics in Oregon for the purpose of assisting them in providing high-quality instruction
9 in civics.

10 (3) School districts are urged to encourage teachers to participate in professional development
11 opportunities that are focused on civics and that are provided on the first Friday in December.

12 **(4)(a) The Department of Education shall administer a process for providing funding for**
13 **activities related to an annual conference dedicated to Oregon civics and held on Oregon**
14 **Civics Day for Teachers. Moneys distributed under this subsection must be used to:**

15 **(A) Award grants to two public school teachers from each legislative district to assist the**
16 **teachers with paying expenses incurred to attend the conference.**

17 **(B) Assist a nonprofit organization with operating expenses incurred in relation to the**
18 **conference.**

19 **(C) Provide technical and professional assistance to teachers who attended the confer-**
20 **ence.**

21 **(b) The department may enter into a contract with a nonprofit organization for the**
22 **purpose of awarding grants under this subsection.**

23 **SECTION 2.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
24 ated to the Department of Education, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, out of the
25 General Fund, the amount of \$200,000, which shall be used as described in ORS 336.029 (4).

26 **SECTION 3.** This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
27 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect
28 July 1, 2015.

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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.