

House Bill 2830

Sponsored by Representative KROPF (at the request of Bruce Broussard)

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**.

Requires participants in Adopt-a-Highway program to pay costs of participation. Requires applicants to appear in person at public meetings. Requires identities of applicants to be provided to news media. Applies to state, county and city Adopt-a-Highway programs.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to Adopt-a-Highway programs; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 366.158.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 366.158 is amended to read:

5 366.158. (1) The Department of Transportation shall administer a program aimed toward
6 beautifying and cleaning state roadsides. The program shall include public informational activities,
7 but shall be directed primarily toward encouraging and facilitating involvement of volunteer groups
8 in litter cleanup work, each group on a specific section of highway. The program shall be called the
9 Oregon Adopt-a-Highway Program. [*Moneys for the program shall be provided from funds available*
10 *to the department.*] The department may adopt any rules it considers necessary for implementation
11 of the Oregon Adopt-a-Highway Program. **In addition to any other rules adopted under this**
12 **section, the department shall adopt rules requiring that:**

13 **(a) Applications for participation in the program be picked up in person;**

14 **(b) Applicants appear in person before any public meeting in which there will be dis-**
15 **cussion of the application; and**

16 **(c) The identities of applicants be provided to news media.**

17 (2) An agreement entered into between the department and a volunteer group pursuant to sub-
18 section (1) of this section shall include but need not be limited to:

19 (a) Identification of the designated section of highway. The volunteer group may request a spe-
20 cific section of highway it wishes to adopt, but the assignment shall be at the discretion of the de-
21 partment.

22 (b) Specification of the duties of the volunteer group. The group shall remove litter along the
23 designated section of highway at least four times each year.

24 (c) Specification of the responsibilities of the volunteer group. The group shall agree to abide
25 by all rules related to the program that are adopted by the department.

26 (d) Duration of the agreement. The volunteer group may contract to care for the designated
27 section of highway for one, two or three years.

28 **(e) A provision stating that the volunteer group will pay all costs related to the group's**
29 **participation in the program, including but not limited to costs of administration and costs**
30 **of erection and maintenance of signs.**

31 (3) A sign identifying the group and recognizing the group's contribution shall be placed by the

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1 department at each end of the section of highway adopted by the group unless the department de-
2 termines that doing so would be unsafe to persons using the highway.

3 (4) The department shall provide reflective vests, garbage bags and highway signs for the par-
4 ticipating volunteer groups.

5 (5) **Prior to authorizing a volunteer group to participate in the program under this sec-**
6 **tion, the department shall require that the group remove litter along a designated section**
7 **of highway on two separate occasions.**

8 **SECTION 2. A county or city that establishes an Adopt-a-Highway program shall include**
9 **provisions requiring that:**

10 (1) **Applications for participation in the program be picked up in person;**

11 (2) **Applicants appear in person before any public meeting in which there will be dis-**
12 **cussion of the application;**

13 (3) **The identities of applicants be provided to news media;**

14 (4) **The volunteer group pay all costs related to the group's participation in the program,**
15 **including but not limited to costs of administration and costs of erection and maintenance**
16 **of signs; and**

17 (5) **A volunteer group that applies to participate in the program remove litter along a**
18 **designated section of highway on two separate occasions.**

19 **SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2005 Act and the amendments to ORS 366.158 by section 1**
20 **of this 2005 Act apply to applications for participation in Adopt-a-Highway programs initiated**
21 **on or after the effective date of this 2005 Act.**

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