

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. D. Edwards  
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Johnson

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

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Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure as Amended and Be Printed B-Engrossed

Vote: 18 – 0 – 4

House

Yeas: Buckley, D. Edwards, Galizio, Garrard, Gilman, Kotek, Nathanson, Richardson, Shields

Nays:

Exc: Jenson, Komp, G. Smith

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Carter, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Verger, Walker, Winters

Nays:

Exc: Whitsett

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Meeting Date: June 11, 2009

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Changes the name of the Economic and Community Development Department (OECDD) to the Oregon Business Development Department. Changes the name of the Oregon Economic and Community Development Commission to the Oregon Business Development Commission. Creates the Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority (IFA) and the Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority Board within the Oregon Business Development Department. Establishes the Oregon Infrastructure Finance Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys in the fund to the Department to promote infrastructure development. Transfers responsibilities of the Oregon Economic and Community Development Commission and the Economic and Community Development Department to and among the Oregon Business Development Commission, the Oregon Business Development Department and the Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority. Transfers the Office of Minority, Women and Emerging Small Business from the Department of Consumer and Business Services to the Oregon Business Development Department. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Reorganization of the Department
- Reasons for the reorganization and attempts to improve program outcomes
- Fiscal impacts of the reorganization
- Appropriation of agency Other Funds accounts

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Clarifies and corrects the fiscal operations and flow of funds within the reorganized Oregon Business Development Department, establishes rule making authority, clarifies functions of the Infrastructure Finance Authority as an entity within the Oregon Business Development Department, and clarifies the duties of the Authority within the Department.

**BACKGROUND:** The Economic and Community Development Department operates programs relating to business development and programs relating to community development. Although these programs are related, the Department requested statutory authority to reorganize to allow the two categories of programs to operate more independently and to have separate governing bodies. The reorganization is designed to improve the operations of both the business development and community development programs.