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# MEMORANDUM

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**To:** Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee

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**Date:** February 27, 2014

**Subject:** HB 4015-A – Relating to state agency alignment with regional community and economic priorities  
Work Session Recommendations

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HB 4015-A establishes the Regional Solutions Program within the office of the Governor. The bill also requires five state agencies: the Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Land Conservation and Development, Department of Transportation, Housing and Community Services Department, and the Oregon Business Development Department, to use regional priorities identified by the Regional Solutions Program in the consideration of awards in the agencies' grant, loan and incentive funds programs. The five agencies are required to collaborate with the Regional Solutions Program and its components to integrate state investments and services and to align them with Regional Solutions Program priorities. Natural resource agencies are directed to submit a plan to the Governor for participating in regional solution teams. The Governor and the Director of the Department of Administrative Services are required to develop a public notification process for certain Regional Solutions Program meetings, before the beginning of the 2015 session.

The Regional Solutions Program was established in December 2011 by the Governor's Executive Order 11-12. HB 4015-A provides a statutory framework for the program to operate under the structure described in that executive order. The bill establishes regional solutions teams, regional solutions advisory committees, and regional solutions coordinators. Regional solutions teams are authorized to obtain support staff from the five agencies identified above.

## **Amendment**

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends adoption of the HB 4015-A11 amendments. These amendments:

- Eliminate the requirements in the bill that identified state agencies collaborate with the Regional Solutions Program on the integration of state investments and services; and on the alignment of their grant, loan and incentive program priorities with Regional Solutions priorities.

- Eliminate authority for the Regional Solutions Program to integrate state and local government efforts to complete regional implementation projects.
- Eliminate authority of regional solutions teams to identify additional state agencies for participation in the program.
- Establish a July 1, 2014 deadline for delivery of the natural resource agencies' plan for participating in regional solution teams.
- Add an emergency clause to make the bill take effect on passage.

The fiscal impact of the bill is minimal. The measure, the HB 4015-A11 amendments, the fiscal impact statement for the measure as amended by the HB 4015-A11 amendments, and the staff measure summary for HB 4015-A issued by the House Committee on Rural Communities, are available on the Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS).

**Motion #1: Move the –A11 amendments to HB 4015-A.**

**Measure as Modified**

The measure, as amended, is recommended to be moved to the full Committee on Joint Ways and Means.

**Motion #2: Move HB 4015-A to the full committee with a “do pass” recommendation, as amended.**

**Assignment of Carriers**

Full: \_\_\_\_\_

House Floor: \_\_\_\_\_

Senate Floor: \_\_\_\_\_