

SB 159

State Budget Process

SB 159 revises procedures for the preparation of the Governor's and the Legislatively Adopted budgets as recommended by the Task Force on State Budget Process, which was charged with reviewing the statutes governing the development of the state budget.

The Joint Committee on Ways and Means previously approved this bill, and it has passed the Senate.

The -A3 amendment resolves conflicts with SB 80, which abolishes the Oregon University System and transfers the duties of the State Board of Higher Education to public universities with governing boards. Public universities will no longer be required to participate in the state budgeting process in the manner that the Oregon University System has been.

I recommend SB 159 be amended by the -A3 conflict amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.