

HB 3377 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Economic Development and Trade

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Meeting Dates: 4/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Business Development Department (Business Oregon) to prepare a plan to implement the recommendations found in the Secretary of State Audit Report Number 2016-34. Requires Business Oregon to report to the interim legislative committees on economic development and business by September 15 each year. Repeals requirements December 31, 2020. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

The Secretary of State's Audit Division released their audit of *Oregon Business Development Department, Report 2016-34* (Audit Report) in December of 2016. The Oregon Business Development Department (Business Oregon) is the state's primary economic development agency with roughly 140 employees and a roughly \$700 million 2015-2017 budget. Among other findings, the Audit Report recommended that Business Oregon improve the evaluation and transparency of the individual economic development incentives and business loan programs the department oversees.

House Bill 3377 would require Business Oregon to develop a plan to implement the recommendations of the Audit Report and report back annually on its' progress to the Legislative Assembly.