

HB 3377 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

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Meeting Dates: 5/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Oregon Business Development Department to report to the Legislative Assembly by January 1, 2018, in response to the recommendations made in the Secretary of State Audit Report Number 2016-34. Specifies report requirements. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Secretary of State's Audit Division released the *Oregon Business Development Department, Report 2016-34* in December of 2016. The Department, usually referred to as Business Oregon, is the state's primary economic development agency, with approximately 140 employees and a budget of roughly \$700 million during the 2015-17 biennium. 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-A requires Business Oregon to report on its response to the recommendations of the audit report to the Legislative Assembly by January 1, 2018.

HOUSE VOTE: