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To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Capital Construction Subcommittee
Re: SB 5544 Continuing Resolution

Senator Devlin: “SB 5544 allows state agencies without legislatively adopted budgets for the 2017-19 biennium to continue operations at the same level as the last quarter of the 2015-17 biennium until the budget is passed. Expenditure authority for the 2015-17 biennium will end on June 30, 2017. Without a continuing resolution, agencies without a budget signed by the Governor are not authorized to spend beyond that date.

The amounts authorized to be spent during the time the continuing resolution is in effect will be determined by the Department of Administrative Services through an administrative rule. The amounts can be adjusted to reflect pending legislation. Pending legislation means a bill that has at least passed out of a budget subcommittee or committee. Special provisions are provided for the Department of Human Services and the Oregon Health Authority due to the nature of the budgets of these two agencies. The continuing resolution is repealed on September 15, 2017.

The Capital Construction Subcommittee recommends SB 5544 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.”