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To: Natural Resources Subcommittee

From: John Terpening, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017

Subject: HB 3166 Relating to the State Department of Energy

Work Session Recommendations

House Bill 3166 transfers the duties, functions and powers related to the Small Scale Local Energy Loan Program (SELP) program from the Oregon Department of Energy to the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD). The transfer is effective July 1, 2018.

The measure also repeals the inactive Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Technology Loan Program and abolishes the associated program funds. Fund balances, which are de minimis, are transferred to the SELP Project Administration Fund.

The Department of Energy's budget (HB 5009) includes \$1,038,908 Other Funds expenditure limitation and five full-time positions (5.00 FTE) for administration of the SELP program. The SELP budget has \$55,905,959 Nonlimited Other Funds for loan payments, and \$63,376,902 Other Funds Nonlimited and \$104,000 Federal Funds Nonlimited expenditure limitations for debt service on outstanding bonds.

The measure does not make adjustments to the respective agency budgets at this time. The adjustments to reflect the transfer of the program will take place in the February 2018 session.

The -A8 amendment removes the Energy Facility Siting Task Force, eliminates the General Fund appropriation to OBDD, and adjusts the operative date for the transfer to July 1, 2018.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the -A8 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the -A8 amendment to HB 3166. (VOTE)

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 3166, as amended, to be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move HB 3166, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)

<u>Carriers</u>	
Full Committee:	
House Floor:	
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