

HB 3377 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Smith Warner

House Committee On Economic Development and Trade

Action Date: 04/17/17

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Clem, Gomberg, Helm, Lewis, Lininger, Marsh, Post, Reschke, Smith DB

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Recent audit report
- Operations of Business Oregon
- Confidentiality of incentive information

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND:

The Secretary of State's Audit Division released the *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 A would require Business Oregon to report on their response to the recommendations of the Audit Report to the Legislative Assembly by January 1, 2018.