

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 5545

Department of Energy

SB 5545 is the budget bill for the Department of Energy. The Natural Resources Subcommittee approved a total budget of \$81.9 million, which includes General Fund and Lottery Funds debt service, \$31.2 million Other Funds, a Federal Funds budget of \$2.2 million, and Other Funds and Federal Funds Nonlimited budgets totaling \$41 million. The budget includes 78 positions and 78 FTE.

The budget is a 49% decrease from the 2017-19 legislatively approved budget due largely to the removal of \$55 million Other Funds Nonlimited expenditure to reflect no new bonding authority for the Small-Scale Energy Loan Program. The Subcommittee approved decreasing Other Funds limitation to reduce expenditures supported by the Energy Supplier Assessment and elimination of eight vacant positions. Key performance measures and targets were approved, and a budget note was included directing the Department to report back in 2020 on its programs and agency administration.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends SB 5545 be amended by the –2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.