

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 5546 Continuing Resolution

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Capital Construction Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Girod

SB 5546 is the continuing resolution measure enacted each Legislative session in odd numbered years that allows state agencies without legislatively adopted budgets the temporary authority to continue operations at the same level as the last quarter of the prior biennium until the agency's budget is signed into law.

Current law expenditure authority for the 2019-21 biennium will end on June 30, 2021. Absent a continuing resolution, agencies without a 2021-23 biennial budget signed by the Governor would be able to spend beyond that date.

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. Any amount spent under a continuing resolution does count toward the agency's adopted budget, once approved. 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The continuing resolution is repealed on September 15, 2021.

The Capital Construction Subcommittee recommends SB 5546 be amended by the -1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.