

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 5515 Department of Energy

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Taylor

SB 5515 is the budget bill for Department of Energy.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee approved a total budget of \$68.9 million, which includes a small amount of General Fund, Lottery Funds debt service, \$31 million Other Funds, a Federal Funds budget of \$3 million, and Other Funds Nonlimited budget of \$31 million. The budget includes 79 positions and 78 FTE.

Overall, the budget is a 38% decrease from the 2019-21 legislatively approved budget due largely to the removal of \$33 million Nonlimited expenditure from the Small-Scale Energy Loan Program. The Subcommittee approved shifting a small portion of an existing position in the nuclear safety program onto General Fund for statewide work around oversight of the disposal of radioactive waste, increasing Other Funds limitation for a Research Analyst position, and continuing two limited duration positions for energy facility siting work. Key performance measures and targets were approved, including the modification of three existing KPMs and addition of two new KPMs.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends SB 5515 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.