

HB 4060 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, and Water

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes the Sustainability Board to hire employees to perform, coordinate, and facilitate activities related to federal funding opportunities that support natural resource programs and policies. Describes potential activities.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Replaces the Sustainability Board with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) for programmatic responsibilities related to federal funding opportunities for natural resources. Clarifies that ODOT will provide administrative, technical, and other assistance to state agencies, local governments, and community organizations. Modifies potential activities. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

FISCAL: Fiscal impact statement issued.

REVENUE: No revenue impact.

BACKGROUND:

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is a \$1.2 trillion federal infrastructure funding package that invests in safe drinking water, clean water, regional water protection, superfund clean-up, brownfields revitalization, waste and recycling, school bus decarbonization, pollution prevention, and other energy, broadband, and transportation infrastructure needs. Signed into law in November of 2021, federal agencies will be creating and awarding new formula and competitive grant funds and bolstering existing grant funding programs for state infrastructure projects. Federal guidance about these funding streams has yet to be finalized, but states are preparing themselves to apply for this unprecedented funding.

House Bill 4060 would authorize the Sustainability Board to hire employees to perform, coordinate, and facilitate activities related to federal funding opportunities that support natural resource programs and policies.