

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **HB 4077**

#### **Relating to environmental justice**

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

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HB 4077 changes the name of the “Environmental Justice Task Force” to the “Environmental Justice Council” and establishes the Council within the Office of the Governor. The Office of the Governor intends to enter into an agreement with DEQ to provide staff support and cover the costs of the Council.

The measure also directs the Council, in collaboration with the Department of Administrative Services Enterprise Information Services Division, the Oregon State University Institute for Natural Resources, the Portland State University Population Research Center, and other natural resource agencies, with staff support from Department of Environmental Quality and the Oregon Health Authority, to develop an environmental justice mapping tool.

The -A4 amendment appropriates \$324,520 General Fund for two new positions at DEQ, one to support the Council and one to support development of the mapping tool.

Additionally the -A4 amendment includes costs related to the development of the mapping tool, including: \$123,586 General Fund for a limited duration position at the Oregon Health Authority; \$129,937 Other Funds expenditure limitation for a position at DAS; and \$191,355 General Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to pass-through to OSU and PSU for their work on gathering data, creating a beta version and testing functionality, and ultimately ensuring usability for the public.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends HB 4077 be amended by the –A4 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.