

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 5534 Public Utility Commission

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Cate

SB 5534 is the budget bill for the Public Utility Commission.

The Public Utility Commission of Oregon regulates private utilities' rates and services, primarily funded by fees charged to energy and water utilities and telecommunications providers, with some federal funding.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends a budget of \$118,797,606 total funds, including \$62,754,500 Other Funds, \$54,829,960 Nonlimited Other Funds, \$1,213,146 Federal Funds, and 142 positions. This recommendation includes an increase of \$2,405,223 Other Funds and 7 full-time permanent positions in response to increased workload and complexity of the Commission's responsibilities, new state and federal statutes and regulations, regional planning initiatives, energy industry transitions, and decarbonization imperatives.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends SB 5534 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.