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To: Natural Resources Subcommittee

From: April McDonald, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: June 7, 2023

Subject: HB 3630 – Relating to energy
Work Session Recommendations

HB 3630 contains initiatives and policy direction relating to energy as part of the statewide Climate Package. The measure contains provisions related to five programs administered by the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE). Collectively, these programs provide for:

- Assistance for environmental justice communities;
- Development of a comprehensive state energy strategy;
- Grants for counties so they may develop energy resilience plans to prepare for, and maintain services during, major grid disruptions;
- Establishment of a home energy savings program to provide rebates, funded by the federal Inflation Reduction Act, to homeowners for energy-efficient retrofits and appliances; and
- Establishment of a single resource for information and technical assistance related to available energy efficiency incentives and programs.

To deliver the programs as described, ODOE has been provided with nearly \$5 million General Fund, \$48,859 Federal Funds expenditure limitation, and establishment of six positions (5.40 FTE). ODOE anticipates receiving \$57 million in federal funding for the High Efficiency Electric Home Rebate program, which provides rebates for purchase and installation of qualifying electrification projects in low- and moderate-income households; and \$57 million for the Home Energy Performance-Based, Whole-House Rebates program, to support performance-based rebates for residential energy efficiency retrofits. Federal guidance has not yet been received and the start date for the funding is yet unknown. ODOE will need to return to the Emergency Board or a subsequent legislative session to seek Federal Funds expenditure limitation once funding and guidance is made available.

The measure provides the declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the –1 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the –1 amendment to HB 3630. (VOTE)

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 3630, as amended by the –1 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move HB 3630, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____