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SUMMARY

Digest: The Act makes some agencies tell a permit applicant the legal reason for denial and give a guide about contesting the denial. The Act makes some agencies make a KPM for how fast the agency gives out permits. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.6).

Requires certain agencies to specify the authority justifying the denial of a permit application and provide the applicant a guide on how to contest the denial.

Requires certain agencies to develop a performance measure to measure the timeliness of permit processing and issuance.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to permits; and prescribing an effective date.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2026 Act is added to and made a part**
5 **of ORS chapter 183.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) This section applies to the following agencies:**

7 **(a) The Department of Environmental Quality.**

8 **(b) The Department of Transportation.**

9 **(c) The Department of State Lands.**

10 **(d) The State Department of Energy.**

11 **(e) The State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries.**

12 **(2) When an agency listed in subsection (1) of this section denies**
13 **an application for a permit, as defined in ORS 183.700, the agency shall**
14 **specify the statutory or regulatory authority justifying the denial and**
15 **provide the applicant a guide on how to contest the denial.**

1 **(3) An agency listed in subsection (1) of this section shall develop**
2 **a performance measure as provided in ORS 291.110 that measures the**
3 **timeliness of permit processing and issuance. The performance meas-**
4 **ure must be accompanied by a description of what slows processing**
5 **and issuance of permits and what steps in the processing of permits**
6 **take the most time. The performance measure may be accompanied**
7 **by suggestions for statutory and other changes that could accelerate**
8 **the timelines.**

9 **SECTION 3.** **This 2026 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date**
10 **on which the 2026 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative As-**
11 **sembly adjourns sine die.**

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