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To: Natural Resources Subcommittee
From: Travis Miller, Legislative Fiscal Office
Date: February 25, 2026
Subject: HB 4020 A – Relating to permits
Work Session Recommendations

The measure requires certain agencies to provide applicants with a statutory or regulatory justification for any permit denial, and effective guidance on how to contest the denial. Additionally, it requires certain agencies to develop or identify a key performance measure (KPM), pursuant to ORS 291.110, that measures the timeliness of permit applications and renewals.

The KPM must be accompanied by an analysis of permitting processes, identifying any constraints that limit timely permit processing, issuance, or renewal, and the steps in the permitting process that take the most time.

The measure applies to the Department of Environmental Quality, the Department of Transportation, the Department of State Lands, the State Department of Energy, and the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries.

The -A2 amendment to the measure removes the Department of Transportation.

Amendment

LFO recommends adoption of the –[A2] amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the –[A2] amendment to HB 4020. *(vote)*

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 4020, as amended by the –[A2] amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move HB 4020, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. *(vote)*

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____