

# SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

## HB 4020

### Relating to permits

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee  
Carrier: Representative Bowman

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HB 4020 requires certain agencies, when denying a permit application, to specify the statutory or regulatory authority justifying the denial and provide the applicant a guide on how to contest the denial, including applicable time limitations.

The measure also requires those agencies to develop or identify a key performance measure by July 1, 2029, that measures the timeliness of processing and issuing permits and permit renewals. The key performance measure must be accompanied by an analysis describing constraints that slow processing or renewal and identifying the steps that take the most time.

The measure applies to the Department of Environmental Quality, the Oregon Department of Transportation, the Department of State Lands, the Oregon Department of Energy, and the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries. The –A2 amendment removes the Oregon Department of Transportation from this list.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends HB 4020 be amended by the –A2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.