

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 4020

By COMMITTEE ON RULES

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1 After line 2 of the printed bill, insert:

2 “Whereas state permitting processes are often complex and involve multiple steps, documenta-
3 tion requirements and agency reviews; and

4 “Whereas the absence of defined timelines and performance expectations can create uncertainty
5 for applicants attempting to plan construction, hiring, financing or other time-sensitive activities;
6 and

7 “Whereas without consistent performance measures related to permit timeliness, agencies and
8 policymakers lack the information necessary to identify bottlenecks, evaluate delays and consider
9 process improvements; now, therefore,”

10 Delete lines 4 through 21 and insert:

11 **“SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 3 of this 2026 Act are added to and made a part of ORS
12 chapter 183.**

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

14 **“(a) The Department of Environmental Quality.**

15 **“(b) The Department of Transportation.**

16 **“(c) The Department of State Lands.**

17 **“(d) The State Department of Energy.**

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

19 **“(2) When an agency listed in subsection (1) of this section denies an application for a
20 permit, as defined in ORS 183.700, the agency shall specify the statutory or regulatory au-
21 thority justifying the denial and provide the applicant a guide on how to contest the denial
22 and the applicable time limitations for contesting the denial.**

23 **“SECTION 3. (1) This section applies to the following agencies:**

24 **“(a) The Department of Environmental Quality.**

25 **“(b) The Department of Transportation.**

26 **“(c) The Department of State Lands.**

27 **“(d) The State Department of Energy.**

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

29 **“(2) No later than July 1, 2029, an agency listed in subsection (1) of this section shall
30 develop or identify a performance measure as provided in ORS 291.110 that measures the
31 timeliness of processing and issuance of permits and renewals of permits. The performance
32 measure must be accompanied by a description of what slows processing and issuance or
33 renewal of permits and what steps in the processing of permits take the most time. The
34 performance measure may be accompanied by suggestions for statutory and other changes
35 that could accelerate the timelines.**

1 **“(3) On or after July 1, 2039, an agency may reevaluate the usefulness of the performance**
2 **measure required by subsection (2) of this section and may discontinue using the perform-**
3 **ance measure.**

4 **“SECTION 4. Section 3 of this 2026 Act is repealed on January 2, 2040.**

5 **“SECTION 5. This 2026 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2026**
6 **regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.”.**

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