

HB 4020-1
(LC 193)
2/2/26 (MNJ/ps)

Requested by Representative BOWMAN

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 4020**

1 After line 2 of the printed bill, insert:

2 “Whereas state permitting processes are often complex and involve mul-
3 tiple steps, documentation requirements and agency reviews; and

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

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

11 Delete lines 4 through 21 and insert:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 **“(2) When an agency listed in subsection (1) of this section denies**
21 **an application for a permit, as defined in ORS 183.700, the agency shall**

1 specify the statutory or regulatory authority justifying the denial and
2 provide the applicant a guide on how to contest the denial and the
3 applicable time limitations for contesting the denial.

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

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

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

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

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

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

10 **“(2) No later than July 1, 2029, an agency listed in subsection (1) of**
11 **this section shall develop or identify a performance measure as pro-**
12 **vided in ORS 291.110 that measures the timeliness of processing and**
13 **issuance of permits and renewals of permits. The performance meas-**
14 **ure must be accompanied by a description of what slows processing**
15 **and issuance or renewal of permits and what steps in the processing**
16 **of permits take the most time. The performance measure may be ac-**
17 **companied by suggestions for statutory and other changes that could**
18 **accelerate the timelines.**

19 **“(3) On or after July 1, 2039, an agency may reevaluate the useful-**
20 **ness of the performance measure required by subsection (2) of this**
21 **section and may discontinue using the performance measure.**

22 **“SECTION 4.** Section 3 of this 2026 Act is repealed on January 2,
23 **2040.**

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