Senator Hansell

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 5048 Continuing Resolution

HB 5048 allows state agencies without legislatively adopted budgets for the 2019-21 biennium to continue operations at the same level as the last quarter of the 2017-19 biennium until the budget is signed into law. Expenditure authority for the 2017-19 biennium will end on June 30, 2019. Without a continuing resolution, agencies without a budget signed by the Governor are not authorized to spend beyond that date.

The amounts authorized to be spent during the time the continuing resolution is in effect will be determined by the Department of Administrative Services though an administrative rule. The amounts can be adjusted to reflect pending legislation. Pending legislation means a bill that has at least passed out of a budget subcommittee or committee. Special provisions are provided for the Department of Human Services and the Oregon Health Authority due to the nature of the budgets of these two agencies. The continuing resolution is repealed on September 15, 2019.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends HB 5048 be amended by the -1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.