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To: Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee

From: John Terpening, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: June 15, 2021

Subject: HB 2021 – Relating to clean energy
Work Session Recommendations

House Bill 2021 establishes a clean energy standard for Oregon and implements a broad range of programs, studies, and statutory changes related to clean energy. The measure requires certain retail electricity providers to reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with electricity sold to Oregon consumers to certain levels within a specified timeframe. As part of this requirement, each company needs to develop a plan to meet their targets and submit to the Public Utility Commission (PUC).

PUC estimates a fiscal impact of \$1,867,217 Other Funds and 10 positions (6.50 FTE) for implementing the various components of the measure. Of the positions, three are limited duration.

Additionally, the measure appropriates \$50 million General Fund to the Community Renewable Investment Fund for the Department of Energy (ODOE) to provide grants for eligible community renewable energy projects.

ODOE anticipates the need for 8 positions (7.50 FTE) to establish and operate this new grant program. Position costs are anticipated to be \$1,960,291 Other Funds in 2021-23. ODOE plans to distribute \$25 million in grant funding in 2021-23 with the remainder of the grant funding anticipated to be distributed in 2023-25.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the -B59 amendment which includes language defining “large-scale project” that was previously in the -B58 amendment and also includes \$1,867,217 Other Funds expenditure limitation for the Public Utility Commission, and \$26,960,291 Other Funds expenditure limitation for the Department of Energy to administer the program and distribute grants.

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 2021, as amended by the -B59 amendment, to be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____