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To: Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee

From: Michelle Deister, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: June 17, 2021

Subject: HB 3089 – Relating to Utility Ratepayer Assistance
Work Session Recommendations

House Bill 3089 appropriates General Fund to the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department (HCSD) for deposit in the Public Drinking Water and Sewer Ratepayer Assistance Fund to provide grants for water and sewer bill payment assistance to low income residential households. HCSD will be operating complimentary -- but not identical - - federally funded Low Income Household Water Assistance programs supported by CARES and ARPA funding, and HB 3089 would run in tandem, possibly addressing gaps eligibility or usage gaps not covered in federal program design.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the -A2 amendment. The amendment appropriates \$6 million General Fund, and provides Other Funds expenditure limitation to HCSD for the purpose of making special payments out of the fund.

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 3089, as amended by the -A2 amendment, to be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____