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To: Natural Resources Subcommittee

From: John Terpening, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: February 23, 2022

Subject: HB 4077 – Relating to environmental justice
Work Session Recommendations

HB 4077 changes the name of the “Environmental Justice Task Force” to the “Environmental Justice Council” and establishes the Council within the Office of the Governor. The Office of the Governor is authorized to enter into an interagency agreement with the Department of Environmental Quality to provide clerical and administrative support, and to share in the costs of the Council.

The measure also directs the Council, in collaboration with the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Enterprise Information Services division, the Oregon State University (OSU) Institute for Natural Resources, the Portland State University (PSU) Population Research Center, and natural resource agencies, with staff support from DEQ and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), to develop an environmental justice mapping tool.

The fiscal impact statement outlines the costs to agencies, including DEQ, DAS, OHA, and the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the -A4 amendment, which provides the necessary funding for the 2021-23 biennium to implement this measure. This includes:

- DEQ - \$324,520 General Fund
- OHA - \$123,586 General Fund
- HECC - \$191,355 General Fund (transferred to OSU and PSU)
- DAS - \$129,937 Other Funds

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 4077, as amended by the -A4 amendment, to be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____