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To: General Government Subcommittee

From: Michael Graham, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: February 23, 2022

Subject: SB 1518 A – Relating to building codes
Work Session Recommendations

Senate Bill 1518 establishes the Task Force on Resilient Efficient Buildings. The Task Force, which will be comprised of 27 members, must identify and evaluate policies related to building codes and building decarbonization for new and existing buildings that would enable the state of Oregon to meet its greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals; receive testimony, perform research, consult experts, review appropriate literature, and solicit feedback from disproportionately impacted communities around the state; make policy recommendations for legislation before the 2023 legislative session; and contract with a contractor to provide process facilitation, necessary data, and technical expertise or advice on best practices.

The Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO) will support the Task Force and may hire additional staff if needed, though the services of continuing legislative staff are to be utilized to the greatest extent possible. All agencies of state government, including the Environmental Justice Task Force and the Environmental Equity Committee of the Racial Justice Council, are directed to assist the Task Force. The measure takes effect on passage, and the Task Force sunsets on December 31, 2023.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the -A5 amendment, which expands the scope of the Task Force's duties by directing the Task Force, in developing its recommendations, to consider the costs, savings, and benefits of policies that relate to residential, commercial, and industrial buildings. LFO also recommends adoption of the -A6 amendment, which appropriates \$279,359 General Fund to LPRO to provide support to the Task Force.

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that SB 1518, as amended by the -A5 and -A6 amendments, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

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