

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **HB 3332**

#### **Relating to Buy America requirements for public construction projects**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: General Government Subcommittee  
Carrier: Representative Gomberg

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HB 3332 requires that certain products used in public improvement or public works projects to be produced in the United States. This includes steel, iron, coatings for steel and iron, and manufactured products. This requirement applies to public improvement or public works projects administered by the Department of Administrative Services and Oregon Department of Transportation with an estimated contract price of \$250,000 or more. Both agencies may waive this requirement due to specified circumstances.

The measure also directs the Department of Administrative Services to establish a technical assistance and grant program to enable certain businesses to become familiar with and meet the requirements of this measure. The department is to submit a request for funding to the Legislative Assembly before the program is established.

The measure provides \$215,287 Other Funds expenditure limitation to both the Department of Administrative Services and Oregon Department of Transportation. Funds will be used by each agency to hire an Operations and Policy Analyst 4 position, to establish the waiver processes and review waiver requests. The position within the Department of Administrative Services will also update procurement documentation and training statewide, and develop the technical assistance and grant program.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends HB 3332 be amended by the –A6 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.