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To: Natural Resources Subcommittee

From: Haylee Morse-Miller, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: February 28, 2024

Subject: HB 4080 – Relating to offshore wind energy development
Work Session Recommendations

This measure declares a state policy to support engagement between offshore wind developers and impacted organizations, communities, and tribes. The Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) is to create an Offshore Wind Roadmap, and is to assess the state enforceable policies that may be used in the federal consistency review of offshore wind energy actions off the Oregon coast.

This measure requires a developer or contractor involved in the construction, operation, or maintenance of certain offshore wind energy projects to participate in an apprenticeship program registered with the State Apprenticeship and Training Council where at least 15% of the work hours of each apprenticeable occupation is performed by apprentices. The developer or contractor must fulfill certain standards, including those related to employee wages and benefits, prior compliance with certain occupational laws, purchase of materials produced in the United States, workforce development agreements, and others.

The - A8 amendment appropriates \$998,072 General Fund to DLCD. Funding will be used to hire two positions to work on the Offshore Wind Roadmap and federal consistency review. DLCD will also contract for facilitation services and perform other outreach in support of the Roadmap.

Additionally, the amendment increases Other Funds expenditure limitation for the Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) by \$199,192. Funds are sourced from Future Ready Oregon savings. BOLI would hire two full-time positions and two part-time positions to support the new apprenticeship program, compliance, and public records administration.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the – A8 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the – A8 amendment to HB 4080. (VOTE)

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 4080, as amended by the – A8 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move HB 4080, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____