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## LEGISLATIVE LEADERS CALL FOR OPEN OVERHAUL OF DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

(SALEM) -- Senate President Peter Courtney and House Speaker Tina Kotek today called for a full and open Legislative overhaul of the Oregon Department of Energy.

“It’s time for the legislature to bring the problems at the Department of Energy into full focus and determine how we can fix them once and for all,” said Kotek (D-North/NE Portland)

“Session after session we have had to address problems at the Oregon Department of Energy. The BETC program has gotten the most attention, but it’s been more than just the BETC. We need to get to the bottom of the issues at ODOE,” said Courtney (D-Salem/Gervais/Woodburn)  
“Is it the structure? Is it the purpose? Is it the personnel? Is it time for the Department of Energy to go away?”

Courtney and Kotek said they will appoint a special committee and ask it to begin holding hearings during the 2016 session and during the interim that follows. The committee’s charge will be to provide recommendations and legislation for consideration by the 2017 Legislature.