

OFHP - legislative timing

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Hi Andrew,

There was a discussion yesterday with Leg Counsel about the legislative timeline for the Fair Hydro Plan yesterday. See below for an update from LSB below.

Keley

- The “pens down” date is April 21st. The draft at that point in time will be the bill that goes into the house, but for rolling up, renumbering, editing and French version changes.
- OLC will not address instructions provided after April 21st.
- New direction and change in direction, particularly as we approach April 21st, can put the bill in jeopardy.
- Options in the event the bill doesn’t include all that we need it to on April 21st are:
 1. Do without
 - § may not be practical if omissions give rise to market risk or make the bill more vulnerable to challenge
 2. Do without in intro version, amend at committee
 - § there are procedural limits on what can be done in clause by clause
 3. Do without in intro version, include amendments in a subsequent bill
 - § Subsequent bill might be the Fall bill
 - § Would need to have the bill proceed in the Spring without the further amendments – how well that would work depends on the amendments
 - § May not work with our timing to get to the markets
 4. Push back intro date to allow more time
 - § May not possible if gov’t still wants to pass without extending the House sitting into the summer

We are working from the attached document that Blakes prepared (with our attempt at plain language annotations in red). My branch is largely playing the role of interpreter

between Blakes and Leg Counsel. I also attach a one page "Policy and Legal Issues" overview that highlights the key decision points. I propose to use the one-pager for discussion at tomorrow's implementation meeting.

Today we have an all day, all lawyers meeting today. We will continue to provide drafting instructions to Leg Counsel, working largely to this work plan:

April 21 – pens down

April 20 – final comments to Leg Counsel following final review

April 19 – Leg Counsel turns draft for final review by stakeholders

April 18 – instructions from LSB to Leg Counsel based on stakeholder input

April 17 – deadline for substantive input from all stakeholders (agencies, accountants, bankers)

April 13 – substantial draft legislation (with most substantive issues resolved) for review and input by stakeholders

April 10 – deadline for substantive instructions from LSB to Leg Counsel

April 7 – TBD drafting instructions:

April 6 – TBD drafting instructions: possible focus on true up mechanism, role of the OEB, other

April 5 – TBD drafting instructions: possible focus on "collectability" issues, other

April 4 – instructions on Fair Allocation Plan, Treasury Plan, Regulatory Asset