

**74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2007 Regular Session
BUDGET REPORT AND MEASURE SUMMARY**

MEASURE: HB 2106-B

JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

**Carrier – House: Rep. Nathanson
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Avakian**

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure as Amended and Be Printed B-Engrossed

Vote: 17 – 4 – 0

House – Yeas: D. Edwards, Galizio, Jenson, Nathanson, Nolan, Shields

– Nays: Garrard, Hanna, Morgan

– Exc:

Senate – Yeas: Bates, Carter, Devlin, Gordly, Johnson, Morse, Nelson, Schrader, Verger, Westlund, Winters

– Nays: Whitsett

– Exc:

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Meeting Date: 6/15/07

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Biennium

2007-09

Senators: Bates, Carter, Devlin, Gordly, Johnson, Morse, Nelson,
Schrader, Verger, Westlund, Whitsett, Winters

Senator Kurt Schrader, Co-Chair

Representatives: D. Edwards, Galizio, Garrard, Hanna, Jenson,
Morgan, Nathanson, Nolan, Shields

Representative Mary Nolan, Co-Chair

Senator Richard Devlin, Natural Resources Subcommittee Chair

Budget Summary*

	2005-07		2007-09		Percentage Committee Change from Governor's Budget
	Legislatively Approved Budget (1)	Governor's Budget	Committee Recommendation	Difference from Governor's Budget	
Other Funds	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 255,667	\$ +255,667	+100.0%

Position Summary

Authorized Positions	0	0	2	+2
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) Positions	0.00	0.00	1.75	+1.75

(1) Includes adjustments through the December 2006 meeting of the Emergency Board

* Excludes Capital Construction expenditures

Summary of Revenue Changes

This bill establishes a nonrefundable \$350 fee when a wetland delineation report is submitted to the Department of State Lands. It also establishes a \$100 fee for review of a report revised to replace a rejected report. House Bill 2106 is expected to add \$267,890 in Other Fund fee revenue for the 2007-09 biennium. Beginning in 2009, the permit fees will increase annually based on the Portland-Salem, OR-WA Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for All Items as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Summary of Subcommittee Action

The Department of State Lands manages wetland conservation and mitigation programs. Workload increases have outpaced current staffing capacity, so report review timeliness has been impacted. In addition to establishing a wetland delineation report review fee, House Bill 2106 includes provisions that require the department to complete wetland delineation report reviews within 120 days.

The Subcommittee approved an Other Funds expenditure limitation of \$255,667 and 2.0 full-time (1.75 full time equivalent) Natural Resources Specialist 3 positions to perform wetland delineation report reviews. These expenditures provide for 21 months of staffing and will enable the department to meet the 120 day processing requirement by the operative date of January 1, 2008. Adding these positions should result in quicker processing of reports, which will improve customer service and allow economic development to continue without significant delays. The resources added by the Subcommittee equate to expenditures proposed in the Governor's Recommended Budget Policy Package 111 that were removed pending approval of House Bill 2106.

Summary of Performance Measure Action

The wetlands program currently exists. The performance measure for this program is addressed in the budget report for House Bill 5043.