

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Hass, Olsen, Prozanski, Thomsen, Dingfelder
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/3, 4/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes Parks Subaccount and Local Government Grants Subaccount (Local Subaccount) and purposes for which funds may be used. Directs 12 percent of money in Parks Subaccount be deposited in Local Subaccount and establishes formula for percentage of funds transferred under specified circumstances. Requires Director of Parks and Recreation Department to report to Joint Ways and Means Committee on measurable biennial and cumulative results of activities and programs financed by Parks Subaccount. Defines “Oregon Conservation Strategy.” Establishes Natural Resources Subaccount and purposes for which funds may be used. Directs 65 percent of money in Natural Resources Subaccount to be deposited in Watershed Conservation Grant Fund (Grant Fund) and 35 percent in Watershed Conservation Operating Fund (Operating Fund), except under specific circumstances. Establishes purpose of Grant Fund, including implementation of mission of Oregon Plan, Oregon Conservation Strategy and watershed health and native fish recovery programs. Directs each state agency receiving money from Natural Resources Subaccount to report to Legislative Assembly on use of funds, including measurable biennial and cumulative results of activities and programs financed by Natural Resources Subaccount. Changes account names. Authorizes Governor to deposit funds into Grant Fund if requested by fund source. Directs Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (Board) to review Board rules pertaining to grants and take actions considered necessary to improve efficiency and effectiveness and report to 76th Legislative Assembly no later than February 1, 2012. Declares emergency; effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Percentage of funds deposited into Local Government Grants Subaccount under various circumstances
- Consistency with constitutional provisions
- Changes needed to bring statutory language into conformance with constitutional language

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: Ballot Measure 76 (2010) amended the Oregon Constitution to continue the dedication of 15 percent of lottery fund revenues to the Parks and Natural Resources Fund. Ballot Measure 76 replaces Ballot Measure 66 (1998) which originally authorized the use of lottery funds for similar purposes through 2014. Many of the purposes established under Ballot Measure 66 are continued under Ballot Measure 76, but there are some changes. Senate Bill 342 A would update the statutes to reflect these changes and to be consistent with the language of the new ballot measure.