

**HB 5201**

**Budget rebalance**

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House Bill 5201 is the budget reconciliation bill that adjusts the state budget for the 2013-15 biennium. Along with 2014 session budget decisions, the bill includes technical adjustments, and actions approved by the Interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The budget maintains a \$30 million general purpose Emergency Fund, and establishes a \$24 million special purpose appropriation for potential costs in the Oregon Health Authority or the Department of Human Services. After all adjustments, the General Fund ending balance is projected to be at \$120 million.

Two statewide adjustments are included in the bill. Partial restorations of the 2% supplemental ending balance holdback are made, totaling \$68 million General Fund. In general, 25% of the holdback is being restored to each affected agency, although there are a number of exceptions. The Oregon Health Authority and Department of Human Services were able to supplement the General Fund restoration with internal resources in order to maintain nearly all programs. The Department of Corrections also had their holdback nearly fully covered.

The special purpose appropriation of \$86.5 million was fully allocated to state agencies to cover employee compensation costs; it was set aside for this purpose. This is expected to cover about 90% of estimated General Fund costs.

**Other actions include, but are not limited to:**

- Appropriates \$40 million General Fund to cover the state's share of the costs for the 2013 fire season.

- Distributes just over half of the \$26 million special purpose appropriation for seniors that was set aside during the September 2013 Special Session. Funded projects include public guardian legislation, caregiver training, senior and disabled transit, and health promotion. The unallocated funds will stay in the special purpose appropriation for future distribution by the Emergency Board.
- Adds \$10 million Other Funds limitation to address housing issues in the community mental health system.
- Increases Other Funds limitation by \$200 million related to bonds for the Cancer Research Institute at the Oregon Health and Science University, authorized in SB 5703.
- Adds \$2 million General Fund to the Oregon University System to help fund new compensation agreements, and establishes a \$3.5 million special purpose appropriation to address future cost issues.
- Other Funds and Federal Funds expenditure limitations are increased in various agencies for bond-funded projects, grants, and other budgetary adjustments.

Eighteen budget notes are included in the budget report for this bill.

The Capital Construction Subcommittee recommends HB 5201 be amended and reported out do pass, as amended.