

SB 5543

2013-15 Budget Rebalance

Senate Bill 5543 is a budget reconciliation bill that implements the rebalanced state budget for the 2013-15 biennium. It should be noted that the rebalance actions needed for the Department of Human Services and the Oregon Health Authority will be considered at a later time. As amended, the bill makes various technical adjustments to agency budgets previously passed by the Legislature and finalizes some General Fund components of the statewide budget.

Actions include, but are not limited to:

- Reduces several agency appropriations to capture General Fund savings from a rebate given to the state by the State Accident Insurance Fund.
- Appropriates \$30 million General Fund and implements a rebalance of the budget for the Department of Corrections.
- Implements a net-zero rebalance for the Oregon State Police.
- Disappropriates approximately \$1.1 million in Debt Service savings and reduces unneeded expenditure limitation for the Child Support Division in the Department of Justice. Full funding is included for Defense of Criminal Convictions.
- Reduces \$345,000 Other Funds for the Oregon Business Development Department related to a revised project list of Regional Solutions projects.
- Appropriates \$349,000 General Fund to the Department of Housing and Community Services for foreclosure prevention counseling.
- Appropriates \$2.5 million General Fund and increases Other Funds limitation by \$2.3 million for the Department of Forestry for emergency fire costs.

- Appropriates \$670,000 General Fund to the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries to purchase an array of fifteen seismometers.
- Increases Other Fund limitation by \$1 million for the Oregon Liquor Control Commission for Measure 91 implementation and to maintain liquor agent's compensation at an average rate of 8.88% of sales.
- Appropriates \$3.5 million General Fund to the Public Defense Services Commission to fund contracted public defense services.
- Disappropriates \$28.7 million General Fund from the Emergency Board.
- Re-authorizes bonding projects for Eastern Oregon University and the Oregon Institute of Technology.

The Capital Construction Subcommittee recommends SB 5543 be amended and reported out do pass, as amended.