

Oregon State University Statewide Public Service Programs

Agricultural Experiment Station Forest Research Laboratory OSU Extension Service

The Statewide Public Service Programs are central to OSU's land-grant mission. Mandated by separate federal legislation, each relies on state, local, federal, and industry support. Through these programs, OSU addresses emerging issues important to communities, families, and industries throughout Oregon and they play an important role in creating and retaining rural jobs.

Last year, when the **OSU Board of Trustees** developed a funding request for the University, they recommended a \$16 million increase for approximately 40 new positions to power new and expanded initiatives that combine the strengths of all three Statewides. **The Governor's Recommended Budget** proposed an increase of \$3.3 million, which provides no funding or personnel for new or expanded programs. **SB 657**, which has received broad legislative support, *restores the \$16 million increase* to the Statewides' budget to address major challenges facing Oregon in **five key areas**:

- 1. **Technologies for Business Development and Value Added Manufacturing** The Statewide Programs provide knowledge and outreach to grow resource-based, globally competitive industries in Oregon's rural communities. New positions will support development of new technologies that drive value-added agricultural, seafood, and forestry products that will create family-wage jobs in rural communities where they are most needed.
- 2. **Sustainable Management of Working Landscapes** Much of Oregon's productivity comes from its forests, farms, and nearby ocean. New positions will work with landowners and industries to help sustain these working landscapes. They will create practical approaches to sustain at-risk species such as marbled murrelet and sage-grouse, eradicate invasive species, assure pollinator health, manage juniper, and support agricultural production from coast to high desert.
- 3. **Ensuring Water Quality and Quantity** The Statewide Programs help rural and urban communities develop strategies to increase water availability and address water quality concerns. New positions will assess the relationship of water quality with specific agricultural and forestry practices. And they will assess the economic impact of changes to coastal water quality.
- 4. **Promoting Public Health, Food Safety and Security** The Statewide Programs help to ensure that Oregon families have what they need to live healthy lives. New positions will address the integration of food issues, from breeding new crops and developing food safety practices, to teaching family nutrition and promoting community health.
- 5. Educating the Workforce of Tomorrow: 40-40-20 Excellence in education begins with Extension programs that foster youth development and a love of learning in pre-college students. New positions will focus on statewide research and Extension facilities to provide real-world learning experiences for students and will expand Oregon Open Campus to provide access to lifelong learning across Oregon.

Integrated solutions for Oregon's future – the OSU Statewide Public Service Programs

Statewide Public Service	2013-15 Appropriation	*Program Maintenance Increment	**New and Expanded Inititatives	2015-17 Total State Funding	Non-state Funding Streams
Agricultural Experiment Station	\$55,175,282	\$1,820,784	\$7,000,000	\$63,996,066	 \$12.8M in Federal formula funding (AES + Ext) \$100M per biennium in competitive grants
OSU Extension Service	\$39,909,526	\$1,317,014	\$5,000,000	\$46,226,540	 \$38M per biennium in Federal formula funding and county support 14,000 volunteers 2.1 million contacts annually
Forest Research Laboratory	\$6,070,772	\$200,335	\$4,000,000	\$10,271,107	 \$2.0M in Federal formula funding \$6M in industry harvest tax payments; \$24M per biennium in competitive grants
Total	\$101,155,580	\$3,338,134	\$16,000,000	\$120,493,713	

^{*}Governor's Recommended Budget

For every \$1 invested, the Statewides return another \$10 to Oregon's economy

- In 2013, the Statewides generated almost \$80 million in external research grants that provided \$180 million in economic benefits
- More than 14,000 Extension volunteers contribute over 2 million hours to Oregon communities each year
- Industries served by the Statewides deliver more than \$45 billion to Oregon's annual Gross State Product
- The Statewides directly serve the eight industry clusters identified in the Oregon Business Plan
- A 2014 international survey ranked OSU's programs in agriculture and forestry seventh in the world

^{**}Recommended by the OSU Board of Trustees and included in SB657