

HB 5010

Columbia River Gorge Commission

House Bill 5010 is the budget bill for the Columbia River Gorge Commission. The Commission was authorized by the 1986 Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act and then created through an interstate compact between Oregon and Washington. The Commission's mission is to establish, implement, and enforce policies and programs that protect and enhance the scenic, natural, recreational, and cultural resources of the Columbia River Gorge.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee approved a total budget of \$909,000. This funding level is a 1.5% increase from the 2013-15 legislatively approved budget. The budget includes \$904,000 General Fund and \$5,000 Other Funds. All Commission staff are State of Washington employees, so the Oregon budget includes no positions or FTE.

The budget includes reductions to match the funding level anticipated to be approved by the Washington Legislature. By the interstate compact, Oregon and Washington are to equally share in the operating costs of the Commission. The budget also includes a reduction to remove inflation from the Other Funds total. The Subcommittee also reviewed and approved the agency's key performance measures.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends House Bill 5010 be amended by the -1 amendment and reported out do pass, as amended.