

SB 5540

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

SB 5540 is the budget bill for the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board. OWEB was established by the Legislature as the agency designated to administer the lottery funds constitutionally dedicated to fund watershed conservation and restoration. SB 5540 also allocates lottery funds to other agencies to pay for activities eligible to be funded with Ballot Measure 76 lottery funds.

The budget supports OWEB with a total of \$6.9 million in operations Lottery Funds, \$50,000 Other Funds, and \$2.1 million federal funds to support administration of the grant program. The grant program budget is \$3.5 million Other Funds and \$34.9 million Federal Funds. Most of the federal monies are derived from the federal Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund.

Measure 76 Lottery Funds for local grant projects is included in SB 5541 in order to provide the agency with a six-year expenditure limitation for these projects.

All Other Funds from the sales of Salmon Plates were moved to the grants program where they will be used for grants. No Salmon Plate revenues are used to support administrative functions during the 2015-17 biennium.

Your Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends SB 5540 be amended by the -1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.