

SB 501

Program Changes

SB 501, as amended, makes the necessary changes in statutes and session laws to support the 2015-17 legislatively adopted budget, to clarify the application of statutes for the budget, and to modify provisions relating to the use of funds.

Specifically, the measure:

- Increases state judge salaries
- Permits counties to reallocate monies for county law libraries to conciliation and mediation services
- Directs the allocation of funding for two transportation projects
- Authorizes excess Education Stability Fund earnings to be used for Oregon Opportunity Grants
- Repeals outdated language requiring that 40% of the increase in state General Fund revenue be for the State School Fund, which is being directly appropriated in SB 5507
- Specifies that the Department of Revenue is to transfer marijuana tax revenues to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission to repay initial recreational marijuana program startup costs
- Modifies the ability to make guardianship payments
- Makes changes to the Farm-to-School grant program
- Directs a report by public universities, if tuition and mandatory enrollment fees increase by more than three percent for the 2016-2017 academic year
- Directs review of intermediate term investment statutes

- Transfers \$154 million of various fund balances to the General Fund for general governmental purposes
- Extends repeal dates on various statutes
- And, makes various other changes specified in the fiscal impact statement and staff measure summary

The Capital Construction Subcommittee recommends SB 501 be amended by the -2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.