

**SB 1512**

**Relating to seismic rehabilitation bonds**

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On February 16th, the Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee voted to recommend passage of SB 1512.

SB 1512 specifies that the proceeds of Article XI-M and Article XI-N general obligation bonds -- which are issued to finance the Seismic Rehabilitation Grant Program in the Oregon Business Development Department -- may be used to pay for surveying and engineering evaluations, and to pay agency program administrative costs. General obligation bonds issued under Article XI-Q have also been used to pay agency program administrative costs in some instances.

The administrative costs of the program are currently financed with Lottery Funds. The bill provides the Legislature with an additional option to finance the proper administration of the program. The Co-Chairs' budget, however, continues to fully finance OBDD administrative costs with Lottery Funds for the remainder of the current biennium.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends that SB 1512 be reported out do pass.