

**SB 5508**

**2015-17 Budget Reconciliation**

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Senate Bill 5508 is a budget reconciliation bill that implements the rebalanced state budget for the 2015-17 biennium. It should be noted that the rebalance actions needed for the Department of Human Services and the Oregon Health Authority will be considered at a later time. As amended, the bill makes various technical adjustments to agency budgets previously passed by the Legislature and finalizes some General Fund components of the statewide budget. Based on the March 2017 revenue forecast and after the projected transfer to the Rainy Day Fund, 2015-17 rebalance actions leave an estimated General Fund ending balance of \$173 million.

Actions include, but are not limited to:

- Reduces General Fund by \$9.6 million and Lottery Funds by \$2.9 million in several agencies to capture savings from debt service adjustments.
- Appropriates \$9 million General Fund to the Public Defense Services Commission to fund contracted public defense services.
- Appropriates \$8 million General Fund to the Department of Forestry for emergency fire costs.
- Appropriates \$6 million General Fund as part of continuing actions to address a budget shortfall at the Department of Corrections.
- Appropriates \$3.1 million General Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for Oregon Opportunity Grants.
- Appropriates \$2.3 million General Fund to the Oregon Judicial Department

for higher than anticipated third-party debt collection costs.

- Implements a net-zero rebalance for the Oregon State Police.
- Allocates \$1.1 million Measure 76 Lottery Funds to the Department of Agriculture for eradication of two invasive pests.
- Appropriates \$400,000 General Fund to the Legislative Administration Committee for security enhancements at the capitol, paid for with savings from the budget for the Legislative Assembly.
- Increases Other Fund limitation by \$4 million for the Oregon Liquor Control Commission for liquor agent's compensation and bank card fees due to higher than anticipated liquor sales.
- Disappropriates \$28.3 million General Fund from the Emergency Board.

The Capital Construction Subcommittee recommends SB 5508 be amended by the –3 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.