

SB 5537

Department of State Lands

SB 5537 is the budget bill for the Department of State Lands.

The Department of State Lands provides administrative support to the State Land Board and implements the policies of the State Land Board in management of the Common School Fund and its assets. The Subcommittee recommends a total funds budget of \$49,274,292 with 110 positions comprising 108.33 FTE. This budget is an 11.9% decrease from the 2015-17 legislatively approved budget through December 2016, and a 19.3% increase from the 2017-19 current service level.

The budget continues service levels and funding for Portland Harbor Superfund Site legal costs, for historically filled lands work, and for submerged and submersible lands projects. It carries forward federal grants that won't be entirely spent by the end of the 2015-17 biennium, and it provides additional expenditure limitation for sage grouse monitoring, vehicle replacement, trust land maintenance, and headquarters building maintenance.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends SB 5537 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.