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To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee
Re: SB 5519 Department of Forestry

Senator Frederick: "SB 5519 is the budget bill for the Oregon Department of Forestry.

The recommended budget of \$346,418,087 represents a 0.5% reduction in total funds from the current service level. The budget includes adjustments to: correct erroneously added funding in the base budget and essential packages; reduce expenditures and eliminate positions due to reduced Department of State Lands forest management contracts; align revenues and expenditures related to the implementation of the Forestry Buys procurement and payment system implementation; and implement General Fund reductions.

The budget also includes \$3 million General Fund to continue the federal forest restoration program, the addition of an aviation coordinator position, expansion of the rangeland protection program, and \$450,000 General Fund for the treatment of sudden oak death.

The bill also appropriates \$6 million General Fund to the Emergency Board for emergency fire costs, including funding for severity resources and catastrophic wildfire insurance premiums.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends SB 5519 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended."