

HB 3249 A BUDGET REPORT and MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Buehler

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Action Date: 06/30/17

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

House Vote

Yeas: 11 - Gomberg, Holvey, Huffman, McLane, Nathanson, Rayfield, Smith G, Smith Warner, Stark, Whisnant, Williamson

Senate Vote

Yeas: 12 - DeBoer, Devlin, Frederick, Girod, Hansell, Johnson, Manning Jr, Monroe, Roblan, Steiner Hayward, Thomsen, Winters

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**Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
2017-19**

Budget Summary

	2015-17 Legislatively Approved Budget ⁽¹⁾	2017-19 Current Service Level	2017-19 Committee Recommendation	Committee Change from 2015-17 Leg. Approved	
				\$ Change	% Change
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 190,000	\$ 190,000	100.0%
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 190,000	\$ 190,000	100.0%

Position Summary

Authorized Positions	0	0	0
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions	0.00	0.00	0.00

Summary of Revenue Changes

House Bill 3249 appropriates \$190,000 General Fund to the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) to support the new Oregon Agricultural Heritage Commission and to establish rules for programs providing grants to owners of working land for succession planning and conservation actions.

Summary of Natural Resources Subcommittee Action

House Bill 3249 establishes the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Fund, separate from the General Fund, with monies in the fund appropriated to OWEB. OWEB may accept contributions from any public or private sources for the fund. This money is to be used by OWEB to establish programs providing grants to owners of working land for succession planning, conservation management plans, covenants, and easements. The bill also establishes the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Commission with 12 members appointed by OWEB. The commission will assist OWEB with the development of the grant program, recommend policy and priorities and consult with OWEB concerning grant applications. There are currently no funds identified for grants from the Fund.

The bill also requires the Legislative Policy and Research Office to study financial incentives, incremental tax reduction and tax elimination for land transfers and succession planning for working land. It also requires the Legislative Policy and Research Office to report its findings to an interim committee on natural resources of the Legislative Assembly, no later than September 15, 2018.

The Subcommittee provided \$190,000 General Fund on a one-time basis to OWEB to carry out the provisions of the bill. The funding includes \$100,000 for contracted services to assist with the rulemaking process; \$56,486 in Personal Services for temporary assistance with program development and \$33,514 in Services and Supplies to support the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Commission and the program.

DETAIL OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ACTION

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
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DESCRIPTION	GENERAL FUND	LOTTERY FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS		FEDERAL FUNDS		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	POS	FTE
			LIMITED	NONLIMITED	LIMITED	NONLIMITED			
<u>SUBCOMMITTEE ADJUSTMENTS</u>									
SCR 010- Operations									
Personal Services	\$ 56,486	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 56,486		
Services and Supplies	\$ 33,514	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,514		
Special Payments (Contracted Services)	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000		
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 190,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 190,000		
SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION	\$ 190,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 190,000		