

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 5539

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

SB 5539 is the budget bill for the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board. OWEB was established by the Legislature as the agency designated to administer the lottery funds constitutionally dedicated to fund watershed conservation and restoration. SB 5539 also allocates lottery funds to other agencies to pay for activities eligible to be funded with Ballot Measure 76 lottery funds.

The budget supports OWEB with a total of \$8.3 million in operations Lottery Funds, \$17,926 Other Funds, and \$2.5 million Federal Funds to support administration of the grant program. The grant program budget is \$3.1 million Other Funds and \$42.8 million Federal Funds. Almost all of the federal monies are derived from the federal Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund.

Measure 76 Lottery Funds for local grant projects is included in SB 5540 to provide the agency with a six-year expenditure limitation for these projects.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends SB 5539 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.