

HB 5204

Budget Reconciliation

HB 5204 is the 2020 session omnibus budget reconciliation bill adjusting the state budget for the 2019-21 biennium. Along with 2020 session budget decisions, the bill includes technical adjustments and actions recommended by the Interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The general purpose Emergency Fund is increased by \$75 million, to bring the total to \$150 million. Based on the current revenue forecast, after all budget actions and adjustments, the General Fund ending balance is projected to be about \$370 million.

The \$200 million special purpose appropriation for state employee compensation was eliminated with all monies allocated to state agencies along with an additional \$5.1 million. This \$205.1 million is expected to cover all estimated costs associated with 2019-21 major compensation plan changes, including cost of living increases and adding a new top step to all classifications in the Executive and Judicial Branches. Lottery Funds, Other Funds, and Federal Funds are also adjusted to cover costs.

Other actions include, but are not limited to:

- Appropriates \$104.4 million General Fund to the Oregon Health Authority for rebalance and other needs.
- Adds \$83.3 million General Fund to the Department of Human Services for rebalance and other needs.
- Establishes a \$75 million special purpose appropriation to the Emergency Board to address budget risks and potential costs for health and human services programs.

- Increases General Fund for the Department of Forestry by \$39 million to address a large budget shortfall in the agency and to address future fire costs.
- Adds \$12.8 million General Fund to the Department of Forestry for 2019 fire season costs.
- Adds \$25 million General Fund to the Department of Corrections for Community Corrections to increase payments to counties.
- Appropriates a total of \$22.5 million General Fund to the Department of Administrative Services for eleven special projects across the state.
- Gives \$13 million General Fund to Oregon State University's Cascade Campus for a Student Success Center.
- Gives \$7.5 million General Fund to the University of Oregon for the ShakeAlert project.
- Appropriates \$10 million General Fund to the Housing and Community Services Department for affordable housing preservation.
- Adds \$6 million General Fund to the Affordable Housing Land Acquisition Revolving Loan program at the Housing and Community Services Department.
- Provides \$3.1 million General Fund to the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries to fund the agency for the second year of the biennium.

26 budget notes are included in the budget report for this bill.

The Capital Construction Subcommittee recommends HB 5204 be amended by the –6 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.