

SB 1536 B BUDGET REPORT and MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Roblan

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Action Date: 02/28/20

Action: Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill. (Printed B-Eng.)

Senate Vote

Yeas: 7 - Beyer, Frederick, Johnson, Monnes Anderson, Roblan, Steiner Hayward, Wagner

Abs: 5 - Boles, Girod, Hansell, Heard, Thomsen

House Vote

Yeas: 6 - Gomberg, Holvey, McLain, Nosse, Piluso, Rayfield

Abs: 3 - Drazan, Smith G, Stark

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Department of Forestry

2019-21

Department of Land Conservation and Development

2019-21

Budget Summary*

	2019-21 Legislatively Approved Budget		2019-21 Committee Recommendation		Committee Change from 2019-21 Leg. Adopted	
					\$ Change	% Change
Department of Forestry						
General Fund	\$	-	\$	24,438,279	\$ 24,438,279	100.0%
Department of Land Conservation & Development						
General Fund	\$	-	\$	350,000	\$ 350,000	100.0%
TOTAL	\$	-	\$	24,788,279	\$ 24,788,279	100.0%

*Excludes Capital Construction Expenditures

Position Summary

Department of Forestry

Authorized Positions	0	11	11
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions	0.00	15.75	15.75

Department of Land Conservation & Development

Authorized Positions	0	1	1
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions	0.00	0.63	0.63

Summary of Revenue Changes

There are no revenue changes contemplated in the measure.

Summary of Capital Construction Subcommittee Action

Department of Forestry

Senate Bill 1536 requires the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) to work with the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) to develop a statewide map of wildfire risk at the property-ownership level. The map must be accessible to the public in electronic form. To address the mapping needs, the Subcommittee has approved two permanent positions, a GIS Specialist (Information Security Specialist 5) to develop the map and an Operations and Policy Analyst 3 to manage the project and coordination. In addition to the approved staff, \$100,000 has been set aside for the technology infrastructure for Oregon Explorer and Interra, which is the data platform used for mapping. In collaboration with DLCD and the Land Use and Wildfire Policy Advisory Committee, ODF is to provide a report to the Legislature by February 1, 2021.

The bill also requires ODF to develop up to 15 wildfire reduction projects on either public or private forestlands by the end of the 2019-21 biennium. To assist in project development, ODF is required to work with Oregon State University Extension Service to identify strategic landscapes that are ready for treatment. Projects must be on lands currently approved for treatment under the National Environmental Policy Act. The primary cost of the 15 wildfire reduction projects is \$21 million in contracting costs.

Additionally, in order to accomplish the work of 15 wildfire reduction projects, ODF needs additional staff capacity. The Subcommittee approved one limited duration Operations and Policy Analyst 3 position to provide a qualitative summary of the use of prescribed fire; four limited duration program staff, an Operations and Policy Analyst 3, two Procurement and Contract Specialist 2s, and one Fiscal Analyst 2 to address benchmarking; three limited duration Natural Resource Specialist 3 positions to serve as Field Coordinators; and the six, five-person field crews that will implement projects on the shoulders of fire season. The crew positions are existing positions and will extend employment for seasonal firefighters in both the spring and fall. This will increase the total FTE count, but does not require the establishment of new positions. For each of the three Natural Resource Specialist 3 positions, the Subcommittee has approved \$30,000 for vehicles. An additional limited duration Operations and Policy Analyst 3 position has been approved to accomplish outreach and other technical work of the bill. In total, 11 new positions are established, with an overall increase of 15.75 FTE.

Senate Bill 1536 requires ODF report to the Legislative Assembly related to Natural Resources and to the Governor no later than December 1, 2020 regarding the progress in carrying out wildfire reduction projects under the program.

The Subcommittee approved the following Budget Note:

Budget Note:

The Oregon Department of Forestry, the Department of Environmental Quality, the Oregon Health Authority, and the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department are directed to create recommendations describing how existing programs can be leveraged to support the mitigation of the effects of wildfire smoke.

Department of Land Conservation and Development

Senate Bill 1536 requires DLCD to form a Land Use and Wildfire Policy Advisory Committee. DLCD is also required to work in collaboration with ODF and the Oregon State University to define wildfire risk regions and develop recommendations for reducing the wildfire risk in each region.

Gathering the content and evaluating risk regions would require establishment of a limited duration full-time Planner 4 position (0.63 FTE). The position would continue for the remainder of the biennium to work on 2021 legislation, 2021-23 budgeting and ultimately implementation of a wildfire risk reduction program. The Subcommittee approved an increase in General Fund appropriation of \$350,000 to support this work.

DETAIL OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ACTION

Department of Forestry and Department of Land Conservation and Development
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DESCRIPTION	GENERAL FUND	LOTTERY FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS		FEDERAL FUNDS		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	POS	FTE
			LIMITED	NONLIMITED	LIMITED	NONLIMITED			
<u>SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION</u>									
<u>Department of Forestry</u>									
SCR 629 - 010 - Fire protection									
Personal Services	\$ 2,348,279	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	2,348,279	11	15.75
Services and Supplies	\$ 22,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	22,000,000		
Capital Outlay (5400)	\$ 90,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	90,000		
<u>Department of Land Conservation & Development</u>									
SCR 660 - 001 - Planning									
Personal Services	\$ 136,922	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	136,922	1	0.63
Services and Supplies	\$ 213,078	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	213,078		
SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION	\$ 24,788,279	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	24,788,279	12	16.38