

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 5539

Department of State Lands

To:	Ways and Means Full Committee
From:	Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier:	Senator Anderson

SB 5539 is the budget bill for Oregon Department of State Lands. The recommended budget of \$62,129,751 for the Department represents a \$17,350,966, or 21.8%, decrease in total funding from the 2019-21 legislatively approved budget. The budget includes 104 positions comprising 102.50 FTE. The majority of the change in the recommended budget from the prior biennium is resultant from the transfer of the Trust Property Programs from the Department of State Lands to the Oregon State Treasurer.

The budget includes expenditure authority for actions approved during the second special session of 2020 that established a position to deal with abandoned and derelict vessel enforcement and the reclassification of nine positions throughout the agency to align those positions with current duties.

The budget also includes:

- The elimination of 14 positions associated with the transfer of the Trust Property Programs to the Oregon State Treasurer.
- Funding for ongoing legal costs and cleanup project expenditures related to the Portland Harbor Superfund Site of \$13.2 million.
- Continued funding for contracted services that support the agency's Lands Administration System replacement project, and the addition of a permanent position to serve as a data architect for the agency.
- Continued funding for contracted services to manage the Elliot State Forest.
- Expenditure limitation for grants from the Submerged Lands Enhancement Fund, and increased Federal Funds limitation for the expenditure of federal grant awards.

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