

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 5037

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

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

HB 5037 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. HB 5037 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 \$9 million in operations Lottery Funds, \$18,697 Other Funds, and \$3.1 million federal funds to support administration of the grant program. The grant program budget is \$14.8 million Other Funds and \$45 million Federal Funds. The majority of the federal monies OWEB receives are derived from the federal Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund.

Measure 76 Lottery Funds for local grant projects is included in HB 5038 to provide the agency with six-year expenditure limitation for these projects.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends HB 5037 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.