

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 5002 Department of Agriculture

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Pham

HB 5002 is the budget bill for the Department of Agriculture.

The Department of Agriculture ensures healthy natural resources, a sustainable environment, and a thriving economy for Oregonians through regulation and promotion of our agriculture. The Subcommittee recommends a budget for the Department totaling nearly \$157 million and supporting 517 positions. This amount includes \$37.7 million General Fund, \$8.9 million Lottery Funds, \$90.7 million Other Funds, and \$19.7 million Federal Funds. The Subcommittee recommends 14 policy packages, which include support for ODA laboratories; community engagement and equity work; continued federal programs; pesticide enforcement capacity; continued Japanese beetle eradication efforts; and the Farm to School Infrastructure grant program.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends HB 5002 be amended by the –2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.