Senate Bill 5539

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board for certain biennial expenses.

Directs board to allocate moneys from Watershed Conservation Operating Fund to various state agencies to implement Article XV, section 4b, of Oregon Constitution.

Limits biennial expenditures by board from federal funds and lottery moneys.

Limits biennial expenditures from fees, moneys or other revenues, including Miscellaneous Receipts, but excluding lottery funds and federal funds, collected or received by board.

Directs board to establish by rule process for allocating available moneys in Natural Resources Subaccount of Parks and Natural Resources Fund.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the financial administration of the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. There are appropriated to the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the following amounts, for the following purposes:

(1) Operations......................... $ 695,879
(2) Grants.................................. $ 1,304,121

SECTION 2. Of the moneys deposited into the Watershed Conservation Operating Fund established under ORS 541.945, the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board shall allocate $10,561,965 to the Department of State Police for fish and wildlife activities to implement Article XV, section 4b, of the Oregon Constitution.

SECTION 3. Of the moneys deposited into the Watershed Conservation Operating Fund established under ORS 541.945, the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board shall allocate $6,666,899 to the State Department of Fish and Wildlife for activities and projects to implement Article XV, section 4b, of the Oregon Constitution.

SECTION 4. Of the moneys deposited into the Watershed Conservation Operating Fund established under ORS 541.945, the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board shall allocate $8,859,764 to the State Department of Agriculture for activities and projects to implement Article XV, section 4b, of the Oregon Constitution.

SECTION 5. Of the moneys deposited into the Watershed Conservation Operating Fund established under ORS 541.945, the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board shall allocate $4,909,555 to the Department of Environmental Quality for activities and projects to implement Article XV, section 4b, of the Oregon Constitution.

SECTION 6. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of

Note: For budget, see 2023-2025 Biennial Budget

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted.

New sections are in boldfaced type.

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$9,180,336 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, as the maximum limit for
payment of expenses by the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board from lottery moneys
deposited into the Watershed Conservation Operating Fund established under ORS 541.945,
for operating expenses, activities and projects to implement Article XV, section 4b, of the
Oregon Constitution.

SECTION 7. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the following amounts
are established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, as the maximum limits for payment
of expenses from fees, moneys or other revenues, including Miscellaneous Receipts, but ex-
cluding lottery funds and federal funds, collected or received by the Oregon Watershed En-
hancement Board, for the following purposes:

(1) Operations................................. $ 1,201,628
(2) Grants....................................... $ 22,791,026

SECTION 8. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the following amounts
are established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, as the maximum limits for payment
of expenses from federal funds collected or received by the Oregon Watershed Enhancement
Board, for the following purposes:

(1) Operations................................. $ 3,653,606
(2) Grants....................................... $ 49,744,889

SECTION 9. (1) The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board shall establish by rule a
process for allocating on a quarterly basis available moneys in the Natural Resources Sub-
account of the Parks and Natural Resources Fund, established under ORS 541.942, to fulfill
the biennial allocations made in this 2023 Act. Except as provided in subsection (2) of this
section, all quarterly allocations shall be set at one-eighth of the biennial allocations.

(2) If, in any quarter, the moneys transferred from the Oregon State Lottery Fund to the
Parks and Natural Resources Fund are insufficient to pay for the quarterly allocations es-
tablished under subsection (1) of this section, the allocations shall be reduced proportionately
by amounts sufficient to accommodate the revenue shortfall.

SECTION 10. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect
July 1, 2023.