

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 5539

By JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 5 through 26 and delete page 2 and insert:

2 “**SECTION 1.** There are appropriated to the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, for
3 the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$1,000,000 for
4 operations.

5 “**SECTION 1a.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-
6 priated to the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, for the biennium beginning July 1,
7 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$15,466,689, for the distribution of grants
8 specified in section 69, chapter 669, Oregon Laws 2021.

9 “**SECTION 1b.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-
10 priated to the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, for the biennium beginning July 1,
11 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$4,240,706, for the distribution of grants de-
12 scribed in section 303, chapter 110, Oregon Laws 2022, for natural resource recovery actions
13 in areas affected by 2021 fires.

14 “**SECTION 1c.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-
15 priated to the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, for the biennium beginning July 1,
16 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$3,452,949, for the distribution of grants de-
17 scribed in sections 19 to 23, chapter 4, Oregon Laws 2021 (second special session).

18 “**SECTION 2.** Of the moneys deposited into the Watershed Conservation Operating Fund
19 established under ORS 541.945, the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board shall allocate
20 \$9,000,385 to the Department of State Police for fish and wildlife activities to implement Ar-
21 ticle XV, section 4b, of the Oregon Constitution.

22 “**SECTION 3.** Of the moneys deposited into the Watershed Conservation Operating Fund
23 established under ORS 541.945, the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board shall allocate
24 \$6,818,367 to the State Department of Fish and Wildlife for activities and projects to imple-
25 ment Article XV, section 4b, of the Oregon Constitution.

26 “**SECTION 4.** Of the moneys deposited into the Watershed Conservation Operating Fund
27 established under ORS 541.945, the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board shall allocate
28 \$8,859,764 to the State Department of Agriculture for activities and projects to implement
29 Article XV, section 4b, of the Oregon Constitution.

30 “**SECTION 5.** Of the moneys deposited into the Watershed Conservation Operating Fund
31 established under ORS 541.945, the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board shall allocate
32 \$4,908,369 to the Department of Environmental Quality for activities and projects to imple-
33 ment Article XV, section 4b, of the Oregon Constitution.

34 “**SECTION 6.** Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of
35 \$9,228,766 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, as the maximum limit for

1 payment of expenses by the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board from lottery moneys
2 deposited into the Watershed Conservation Operating Fund established under ORS 541.945,
3 for operating expenses, activities and projects to implement Article XV, section 4b, of the
4 Oregon Constitution.

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

- 10 (1) Operations..... \$ 971,210
- 11 (2) Grants..... \$ 23,190,935

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

- 16 (1) Operations..... \$ 4,377,048
- 17 (2) Grants..... \$ 52,659,999

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

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

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