

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 5518 State Library of Oregon

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: General Government Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Gomberg

SB 5518 is the budget bill for the State Library.

The State Library promotes lifelong learning and community engagement by providing leadership and consulting services to approximately 1,600 public, academic, school, special, and tribal libraries throughout Oregon. The agency also provides research assistance to support state government operations and Talking Books reading materials for Oregonians with print disabilities.

The Subcommittee approved a total budget of \$18.6 million, which includes a General Fund budget of \$4.9 million, an Other Funds budget of \$8.4 million, and a Federal Funds budget of \$5.3 million. The budget includes 41 positions (39.13 FTE). The budget reflects no increase in General Fund from the current service level, but an Other Funds increase of 2.67% from current service level. This increase is primarily attributable to rising data storage and database subscription costs.

The Subcommittee approved budget includes the elimination of two part-time vacant positions, a reduction of a full-time vacant position, and the use of services and supplies savings to fund three positions: One full-time Talking Book Librarian, one part-time Virtual Reference Coordinator, and one part-time Diversity, Equity and inclusion position.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends SB 5518 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.