

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **SB 1561**

#### **Relating to the administration of moneys received from the Monsanto settlement**

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

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SB 1561 establishes several funds to invest and distribute proceeds from the Monsanto Settlement Agreement. These funds will support tribal governments, executive branch agencies, and disproportionately impacted communities in efforts to remediate environmental contamination or provide restitution for environmental impacts. The measure also establishes the Environmental Restoration Council to approve allocations and transfers of the settlement proceeds.

To implement and manage the program, the measure includes \$1.8 million in Other Funds expenditure limitation and supports the establishment of eight positions for the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, Oregon State Treasurer, Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Department of Environmental Quality.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends SB 1561 be amended by the –A3 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.