

Land Use Board of Appeals 201 High St. SE Ste 600 Salem, OR 97301-3398

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The Honorable Senator Kate Lieber, Co-Chair
The Honorable Representative Tawna Sanchez, Co-Chair
Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means
Via email Amanda Beitel, Legislative Fiscal Officer amanda.beitel@oregonlegislature.gov
Re: Land Use Board of Appeals 2025-27 Legislatively Adopted Budget Reduction Options

## Dear Co-Chairpersons:

The Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) is a specialized appellate review body that provides an accessible forum for expeditiously resolving land use disputes consistently with sound principles of judicial review and makes its decisions available as a decision-making resource to state and local legislators, land use professionals, city and county land use decision makers, property owners, and residents of Oregon.

Quickly and correctly resolving land use disputes has important social and economic consequences. Many development proposals are subject to time-sensitive financing or construction windows, which may be threatened by lengthy appellate delays. LUBA's expedited review allows land use proposals that comply with the law to go forward without unreasonable delay and allows land use proposals that do not comply with applicable law to be timely amended or terminated.

LUBA has only one program unit, corresponding to its primary mission to expeditiously resolve appeals. LUBA's program and services are not duplicated by any other agency or entity. LUBA has a small and lean budget, the majority of which is for personal services costs. LUBA does not have any new or expanded programs. In response to the request from the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO), LUBA has developed a reduction options list by reducing personal services spending by reducing FTE through furlough or layoffs and reducing IT expendable property spending. As a small agency, any staffing reduction would result in delays and decreased performance. FTE reductions may result in risk of mandamus action and may require an amendment to the 77-day statutory deadline for final decisions in ORS 197.830(14).

## Reduction Options – General Fund

2.5% Reduction Target \$86,498

Proposal 1: Reduce personal services spending through salary savings and reduced spending on IT expendable property.

\$80,124 Personal Services salary savings \$6,374 IT Expendable Property savings Total \$86,498

Proposal 2: Reduce personal services spending through FTE reduction \$86,498 Personal Services FTE reduction Total \$86,498



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5% Reduction Target \$172,995

Proposal 1: Reduce personal services spending through salary savings and FTE reduction and reduce spending on IT expendable property.

\$80,124 Personal Services salary savings \$73,699 Personal Services FTE reduction \$19,172 IT Expendable Property savings Total \$172,995

Proposal 2: Reduce personal services spending through FTE reduction.

\$172,995 Personal Services FTE reduction Total \$172,995

Reduction Options – Other Funds

Reduce spending on continuing legal education credits by reducing travel costs for legal education conferences.

2.5% reduction target \$991 5% reduction target \$1,981

Thank you for your careful consideration. Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

Yours in service,

H. M. Zamudio LUBA Board Chair

Enc: Agency Reduction Options Form

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New and Expanded Programs Form

cc: Emily Coates, LFO Analyst

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Detail of Redu	ctions to 2	2025-27 Legi	slatively Adopted Budget											
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Priority (ranked most to least preferred) Prgm/ Dept Div	Agency	SCR or Activity Initials	Program Unit/Activity Description	GF	LF	OF	NL-OF	FF	NL-FF	TOTAL FUNDS	Pos.	FTE	Gov. Reduction Target Yes / No	One-Time Describe the reduction and associated impact on services and outcomes. Please identify the source of Other Funds reductions.
	66200		Personal Services salary savings	\$80,124						\$ 80,124				LUBA is paying less salary than is included in the 2025-27 legislatively adopted budget.
	66200		IT Expendable Property savings	\$19,172						\$ 19,172				LUBA processes appeals on computers supported by DAS IT. If LUBA does not replace its computers on the DAS IT replacement schedule, then LUBA personnel may work on outdated, unsupported computers, which could lead to operational issues and failure to fulfill the agency mission.  Any FTE reduction would result in LUBA failing to meet statutory deadlines for
	66200		Personal Services FTE reduction _	\$73,699						\$ 73,699				Any FTE reduction would result in LUBA failing to meet statutory deadlin issuing opinions and orders, legislative performance measure targets, a strategic goals.  LUBA could reach the reduction target by reducing spending on continu
	66200		Reduce travel costs for legal educ	1,981				\$ 1,981				education by reducing travel costs for legal conferences. A total reduction in Other Funds would leave LUBA insufficient funds to pay the costs of continuing legal education required for board members and staff attorneys to remain in good standing with the Oregon State Bar.		
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 Target (5%)

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## LUBA

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Level 3 - Restricted

## Instructions

Column (5) - Authorization should identify the source of the new program or program expansion, which could include enabling legislation, approved policy option package, or administrative establishment.

Column (6) - Program description should include a summary of the program and the expansion (if applicable), including any partner state agencies.

Column (16) - Current status of program implementation should be summarized, including any future budget requests anticipated upon full program implementation.