



November 3, 2025

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
New and Expanded Programs Form

cc: Emily Coates, LFO Analyst
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Target (5%)	-	-	-	
Difference	172,995	-	1,981	

2025-27 Biennium

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Agency	SCR	Program Establishment / Expansion			Program Description	GF	LF	OF	NL-OF	FF	NL-FF	TOTAL FUNDS	Pos.	FTE	Implementation Status
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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.