

HB 2947 A BUDGET REPORT and MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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**Higher Education Coordinating Commission
2025-27**

PRELIMINARY

Budget Summary*

	2023-25 Legislatively Approved Budget ⁽¹⁾	2025-27 Current Service Level	2025-27 Committee Recommendation	Committee Change from 2023-25 Leg. Approved	
				\$ Change	% Change
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 410,000	\$ 410,000	100.0%
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 410,000	\$ 410,000	100.0%

⁽¹⁾ Includes adjustments through January 2025

* Excludes Capital Construction expenditures

Summary of Revenue Changes

House Bill 2947 appropriates \$410,000 on a one-time basis from the General Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for distribution to Oregon State University (OSU) to conduct a statewide study on the presence and distribution of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in biosolids applied to agricultural fields that do not produce crops intended for human consumption. The bill also assumes the provision of an additional \$390,000 Other Funds to OSU, to be passed through by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) using funds from an Environmental Protection Agency Columbia River grant and contributions from the Oregon Association of Clean Water Agencies.

Summary of Natural Resources Subcommittee Action

House Bill 2947 requires the OSU Extension Service and the OSU College of Agricultural Sciences (CAS), in collaboration with DEQ and Oregon wastewater service providers, to study the occurrence and distribution of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances found in biosolids applied to agricultural fields that do not produce crops intended for human consumption. The measure also requires the OSU Extension Service and CAS to submit a progress report and a final report to agriculture-related interim committees of the Legislative Assembly.

As specified in the measure, the study shall include the following:

- Collaboration between OSU Extension Service and CAS with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and Oregon wastewater service providers.
- Identification of PFAS concentrations in selected biosolids from selected wastewater treatment facilities in Oregon.
- Identification of PFAS concentrations in the soil profiles of selected adjacent fields—one with and one without a history of biosolid application.
- Utilization of results to determine the quantities of PFAS retained within and leached from soil profiles.

- Identification of PFAS concentrations in the crops analyzed in this study.
- Quantification of all specified study results.
- Utilization by the OSU Extension Service and CAS of, where possible, data collection methods that do not disclose precise study locations and participant identities, and summarization or aggregation of identifying data in a fashion that does not disclose the location or ownership of studied agricultural fields or wastewater treatment facilities.

The bill also ensures that study participation by wastewater treatment service providers, farmers, landowners, and land managers is voluntary.

The Subcommittee approved the following Budget Note related to reporting requirements:

Budget Note: The OSU Extension Service and CAS shall submit a progress report by December 15, 2026, and a final report by September 1, 2028, to agriculture-related interim committees of the Legislative Assembly. The final report on the study conducted shall include:

- PFAS concentrations in biosolids.
- PFAS concentrations in background and biosolid-amended soil horizons.
- PFAS concentrations in crops grown on biosolid-amended soils.
- Comparisons to published literature for context and interpretation.

DETAIL OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ACTION

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DESCRIPTION	GENERAL FUND	LOTTERY FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS		FEDERAL FUNDS		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	POS	FTE
			LIMITED	NONLIMITED	LIMITED	NONLIMITED			
<u>SUBCOMMITTEE ADJUSTMENTS</u>									
Higher Education Coordinating Commission									
SCR 211 - Statewide Public Services									
Special Payments	\$ 410,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 410,000		
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 410,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 410,000	0	0.00
SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION *	\$ 410,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 410,000	0	0.00

*Excludes Capital Construction Expenditures

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