

# SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

## SB 5543

### Water Resources Department

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

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SB 5543 is the budget bill for the Water Resources Department.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends a budget for the Water Resources Department of over \$245 million total funds, which supports 245 positions. This includes approximately \$91 million in General Fund; \$24 million in Lottery Funds; \$127 million in Other Funds; and \$2 million in Federal Funds. This budget represents a 6% increase over next biennium's current service level.

Recommended packages total \$12 million, including approximately \$10 million General Fund and nearly \$2 million Other Funds. The cumulative investment is represented in seven policy packages, which focus on the continued delivery of obligated American Rescue Plan Act funding; restoring staff for water right transaction processing; maintaining dam safety services; providing for legal services; and carrying forward grant funding for water supply projects.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends SB 5521 be amended by the –2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.