

JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
Subcommittee Overview Information
February 4, 2015

INFORMATIONAL & PROCEDURAL ISSUES

Attendance

- Please be in attendance at the 8:30 a.m. starting time. If you are unable to attend a meeting, please notify the Ways and Means Scheduling Clerk (Lynn Buchanan) at 986-1828.

Subcommittee Rules

- The Subcommittee will use the Joint Committee on Ways and Means rules.
- This Subcommittee has three Senate members and five House members. This means that two Senate members and three House members are required to make a quorum and report legislation from the Subcommittee to the Joint Committee.

Meeting Operations

- Subcommittee members, staff, presenters and audience members should turn off audible pagers, cell phones or other electronic devices.
- The microphones in this room are very sensitive, and may pick up side conversations.
- If a roll call for votes is needed, the roll will be called by the committee assistant.
- Members need to vacate the hearing room as soon as possible after the conclusion of the meeting so that it can be prepared for the next meeting.

Agendas

- Meeting Notice is required 72 hours ahead of the first public hearing on a bill and 48 hours for subsequent public hearings and work sessions.
- Bills can be carried over to the next day for the same meeting type in cases where the work is not completed with the subcommittee chair's announcement.
- A daily agenda will be distributed in the Subcommittee for that day.
- Most meeting materials will be provided electronically through OLIS.

BUDGET HEARINGS AND WORK SESSION PROCESS

Agency Budgets

- An overview of Oregon's budget process is available at the following link:
<https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/lfo/Documents/LFOBudgetBasics.pdf>
- A list of all agencies assigned to this Subcommittee is attached. The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) and Department of Administrative Services (DAS) analysts assigned to each agency are listed, with phone numbers for each analyst. If you have questions about specific budget or policy issues, check with the analyst for that agency.

- The tentative order of budget hearings:
 - Geology & Mineral Industries
 - Marine Board
 - Land Use Board of Appeals
 - Energy
 - Agriculture
 - Parks
 - Watershed Enhancement Board
 - State Lands
 - Columbia River Gorge Commission
 - Land Conservation and Development
 - Environmental Quality
 - Fish and Wildlife
 - Water Resources
 - Forestry
- Starting around April 20th, meeting dates have been set aside for Phase II of Ways and Means Presentations. These hearings will provide additional time to address specific budget information, including but not limited to, in-depth review of ending balances, reduction options, and policy option packages.
- You will receive a copy of the agency's budget bill at the work session. A single binder of the Governor's budget for each agency will be available in the hearing room as supplemental information. These copies are to remain in the hearing room. Electronic versions of the Governor's budget binders for each agency assigned to the Subcommittee will be available on OLIS near the time of the agency's first hearing date.
- For budget work sessions staff will provide a memo and work session document. Based on the Subcommittee's action staff will develop proposed amendments to the budget bill. A budget report is prepared to document the Subcommittee's budget recommendations for consideration by the full Committee on Ways and Means as well as House and Senate members.
- The Subcommittee Chair will assign a member to carry the Subcommittee's recommendations to the Full Committee and to the floors of each chamber. The carrier must be a member of the Full Committee. LFO will prepare a "pony" for carriers of the budget bill to the Full Committee on Ways and Means and to the floors of each chamber. LFO will be available on the floor to provide staff support for floor discussions.
- Budget notes may be included in the budget report if essential to clarify or expand on administrative requirements directly related to the budget. Proposed budget notes must be channeled through the Subcommittee chair and must be approved by both the Co-Chairs of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Other Subcommittee Work

- The Subcommittee will also deal with:
 - Budget-related fee bills
 - Federal grant application requests
 - Agency Reports
 - Substantive legislation with fiscal impact, as assigned by the co-chairs