

HB 5035

Department of State Lands

HB 5035 is the budget bill for the Department of State Lands. The recommended budget represents a \$21.6 million (or 26%) decrease in total funding from the legislatively approved budget for the 2017-19 biennium and a \$2.6 million (or 4.5%) increase from the current service level.

The budget removes \$28.7 million in one-time expenditures approved for the 2017-19 biennium. Of the \$12.4 million in new spending from the adjusted current service level, \$10.8 million is related to managerial and legal issues of the Portland harbor superfund site and the interim management and ownership transition work for the Elliott State Forest. Expenditure authority is continued for ongoing development of an information technology project to replace the agency's Land Administration System and unexpended grant funds that are carried forward to the upcoming biennium. Two new part-time positions are authorized at the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve to provide GIS data management and summer season educational programming.

Lottery funds expenditure limitation for debt service is included in the budget for bonds that were scheduled to be issued in the 2017-19 biennium but were not. The debt service costs that are included in the budget will be removed in an omnibus bonding reconciliation bill.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends HB 5035 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.