

HB 2437 A BUDGET REPORT and MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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**Department of Agriculture
2019-21**

**Department of Fish and Wildlife
2019-21**

**Higher Education Coordinating Commission
2019-21**

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Budget Summary*

	2017-19 Legislatively Approved Budget ⁽¹⁾	2019-21 Current Service Level	2019-21 Committee Recommendation	Committee Change from 2017-19 Leg. Approved	
				\$ Change	% Change
Oregon Department of Agriculture					
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 251,043	\$ 251,043	100.0%
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 251,043	\$ 251,043	100.0%
Position Summary					
Authorized Positions	0	0	1	1	
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions	0.00	0.00	0.88	0.88	
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife					
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 202,433	\$ 202,433	100.0%
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 202,433	\$ 202,433	100.0%
Position Summary					
Authorized Positions	0	0	1	1	
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions	0.00	0.00	0.88	0.88	
Higher Education Coordinating Commission					
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 239,583	\$ 239,583	100.0%
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 239,583	\$ 239,583	100.0%

⁽¹⁾ Includes adjustments through December 2018

* Excludes Capital Construction expenditures

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Summary of Revenue Changes

House Bill 2437 increases the 2019-21 biennium General Fund appropriations for the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), and the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC). The increases are for the purpose of overseeing and studying removal or fill activities related to the maintenance of traditionally maintained channels. ODA's General Fund appropriation is increased by \$251,043 for expenditures related to overseeing the notification and site visit process. ODFW's General Fund appropriation is increased by \$202,433 for its role in the notification and site visit process. HECC's General Fund appropriation is increased by \$239,583 for distribution to Oregon State University's College of Agricultural Sciences for the purpose of conducting a study of the impacts of maintenance activities in traditionally maintained channels.

Summary of Natural Resources Subcommittee Action

House Bill 2437 authorizes maintenance activities in dry channels to be conducted without a removal or fill permit from the Department of State Lands; if a notice is filed with the Department of Agriculture (ODA) prior to initiating maintenance activities. The bill requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to provide input on the notices. Additionally, the college of Agricultural Sciences of Oregon State University shall conduct a study on the impact of maintenance activities in traditionally maintained channels. The Subcommittee recommended \$693,059 General Fund be appropriated as follows:

Oregon Department of Agriculture

The Subcommittee approved an increase of \$191,043 General Fund in the 2019-21 biennium for one permanent Natural Resource Specialist 3 position (0.88 FTE) to oversee the notification review process and conduct site visits. When a landowner plans to conduct maintenance activities in traditionally maintained channels, a notice must be filed with ODA. ODA will coordinate with ODFW to review the planned activities to determine if the work may proceed or if additional actions must be taken.

In addition to ongoing funding for a position, the Subcommittee approved a one-time increase of \$60,000 General Fund for the development of a memorandum of understanding by the Department of Justice, development of a database for tracking records, and the creation of outreach materials.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

The Subcommittee approved an increase of \$202,433 General Fund in the 2019-21 biennium for one permanent Natural Resource Specialist 3 position (0.88 FTE) for ODFW's role in the notification review and site visit process. Upon receiving a notice from ODA on planned maintenance activities, ODFW will perform a review and provide a response to ODA stating that a review was conducted and that proposed maintenance activities comply with provisions of the bill and can move forward. ODFW can also make recommendations on additional actions required to comply with the requirements of the bill.

Higher Education Coordinating Commission

House Bill 2437 requires the College of Agricultural Sciences of Oregon State University (OSU) to perform a study of the benefits and impacts of maintenance activities on habitat complexity and other biological parameters in traditionally maintained channels. OSU is required to submit the report to interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to agriculture no later than January 1, 2025. The report must also be submitted to the Department of State Lands, the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Fish and Wildlife. The Subcommittee appropriated \$239,583 General Fund in the 2019-21 biennium to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for distribution to OSU to conduct the study. Costs include salary and other payroll expenses for an investigator, field research assistant, and a research technician, as well as travel to test sites and various supplies related to sampling and samples processing and are anticipated to continue through the 2023-25 biennium.

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			
SUBCOMMITTEE ADJUSTMENTS									
Oregon Department of Agriculture									
SCR 040-00 - Natural Resources Policy Area									
Personal Services	\$ 155,193	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	155,193	1	0.88
Services and Supplies	\$ 95,850	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	95,850		
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife									
SCR 020-02 - Habitat Resources									
Personal Services	\$ 155,718	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	155,718	1	0.88
Services and Supplies	\$ 46,715	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	46,715		
Higher Education Coordinating Commission									
SCR 104-00 - Public University State Programs									
Special Payments	\$ 239,583	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	239,583		
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 693,059	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	693,059	2	1.76
SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION *	\$ 693,059	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	693,059	2	1.76

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