

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 5019

Department of Forestry

HB 5019 is the budget bill for the Oregon Department of Forestry.

The recommended budget for the Department is \$11.9 million, or a 3.1% increase from the current service level. The budget recognizes personnel reorganizations in the Agency Administration and State Forests divisions. Additional budgetary capacity is added in the State Forests division to accommodate expanded use of log sort sales. Base level fire protection is continued for the 12.8 million acres of private lands and 3.8 million acres of public lands protected by ODF as funded 25.2% from public landowners, 30.9% from private landowners, and 43.9% from the General Fund.

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Emergency Board of:

- \$4.0 million for severity resources,
- \$2.0 million for catastrophic wildfire insurance premium costs, and
- \$2.0 million for supplemental Fire Program personnel costs due to extended fire seasons.

A \$3,201,253 General Fund appropriation and an increase of \$532,747 Other Funds expenditure limitation for the 2017-19 biennium is also included in the bill to pay the premium costs of catastrophic wildfire insurance for the 2019 fire season.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends HB 5019 be amended by the –4 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.