

**SB 861 A BUDGET REPORT and MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Joint Committee On Ways and Means**

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**Secretary of State**

**2019-21**

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**Budget Summary\***

	2017-19 Legislatively Approved Budget <sup>(1)</sup>	2019-21 Current Service Level	2019-21 Committee Recommendation	Committee Change from 2017-19 Leg. Approved	
				\$ Change	% Change
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,668,783	\$ 1,668,783	100.0%
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,668,783	\$ 1,668,783	100.0%

**Position Summary**

Authorized Positions	0	0	0	0
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes adjustments through December 2018

\* Excludes Capital Construction expenditures

**Summary of Revenue Changes**

Senate Bill 861 appropriates \$1,668,783 General Fund to the Secretary of State to pay postage costs for ballots returned by mail in Oregon.

**Summary of Capital Construction Subcommittee Action**

Senate Bill 861 requires electors, in each election in this state, to be given pre-addressed Business Reply Mail envelopes with their ballot. When voters submit their ballots by mail in a Business Reply Mail envelope, the voters pay no postage costs; instead, the U.S. Postal Service charges a fee to the state for each Business Reply Mail envelope received. The Secretary may choose an alternative method of returning ballots, so long as the state pays the costs associated with the return of those ballots. Voters will also have the option to continue to return ballots to ballot drop sites, at no additional cost to the state. The requirements for the State to pay the costs of returning election ballots applies to elections held on or after January 1, 2020.

The Subcommittee recommended a General Fund appropriation of \$1,668,783 to the Secretary of State for the costs of covering postage associated with returned ballot envelopes. There is also a special purpose appropriation included in the end of session bill, SB 5507, should the costs of paid postage exceed budgeted election expenditures.

**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			
<u>SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION</u>									
<b>SCR 16500-002 - Elections Division</b>									
Special Payments (Payments to Counties)	\$ 1,668,783	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,668,783		
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 1,668,783	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,668,783		
SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION	\$ 1,668,783	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,668,783		

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