

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 5531

Land Use Board of Appeals

To:	Ways and Means Full Committee
From:	Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier:	Senator Anderson

SB 5531 is the budget bill for the Land Use Board of Appeals.

The Board was established by the Legislature to provide a streamlined process for resolving land use disputes and to ensure consistent interpretation of state and local land use laws. The Board has jurisdiction to review appeals of land use decisions made by cities, counties, districts, and state agencies. It is also required by statute to publish its orders and opinions for citizens, decision-makers, and participants in land use processes to use to guide future land use decision-making.

The Subcommittee recommends a budget of \$2.5 million total funds, including \$2,520,015 General Fund, \$36,486 Other Funds, and seven positions (7.00 FTE). The budget includes an addition of a second full-time staff attorney position to ensure the agency has the staffing capacity to keep up with the number of case filings. The recommended budget also includes a budget note directing LUBA to work with the Department of Administrative Services Enterprise Information Services to begin requirements gathering for an electronic filing and case management system.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends SB 5531 be amended by the – 1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.