

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 5502

Department of Agriculture

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

SB 5502 is the budget bill for the Department of Agriculture.

The budget for the Department totals \$140.4 million. The budget includes \$29.5 million General Fund, \$10.5 million Lottery Funds, \$81.9 million Other Funds, \$18.5 million Federal Funds and 394.68 FTE.

The total funds budget is 6.5% higher than the 2019-21 approved levels and General Fund is 20% higher. The budget includes a one-time addition of \$1.9 million in constitutionally dedicated Lottery Funds to combat the invasive Japanese Beetle. Additional one-time monies include General Fund for Klamath Lake water quality improvement work and Wolf Depredation Grants.

Additional General Fund investments include providing \$1.5 million in the Food Safety program in order to reduce the amount of fee revenue needed to support the program; returning General Fund to the Native Plant Conservation Program; and for implementation of the State Meat Inspection program started in 2019-21.

The budget assumes approval of increases to statutory fee caps in SB 32, SB 33, and SB 36 for the Food Safety, Livestock, Feeds programs.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends SB 5502 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.