

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 5020 Department of Forestry

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

HB 5020 is the budget bill for the Oregon Department of Forestry.

The recommended all-funds budget for the agency is increased by \$9,545,901, or 1.76% from the current service level.

New investments in the Private Forest Accord programs at the department total \$18.2 million General Fund. Funding is continued for SB 762 programs including \$10 million for landscape resiliency projects and \$2.5 million for small forestland grants.

Federally-funded Forest Restoration program and project expansions result in increased program funding of \$7.5 million and increases staffing by 18 positions in the Forest Resources Division.

A General Fund appropriation of \$1.7 million is provided to continue work related to the containment and eradication of Sudden Oak Death.

The bill also contains a special purpose appropriation of \$14 million to the Emergency Board for severity resources.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends HB 5020 be amended by the –2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.