

SB 5506 (2023)
Relating to State Financial Administration
Emergency Board/Budget Reconciliation Measure
Summary of Budget Notes

Budget Note #1: Department of Administrative Services

BUDGET NOTE

By February 1, 2024, the Department of Administrative Services shall submit a report to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means and an appropriate committee or interim committee of the Legislative Assembly with recommended solutions and a timeline for how to insure against liability arising out of the provision of services pursuant to ORS 161.365 and 161.370 for the purposes of community restoration or to restore fitness to proceed, or other behavioral health services required under a court order. The recommended solutions may include establishing an insurance pool for counties, community mental health programs and providers.

Budget Note #2: Department of Veterans' Affairs

BUDGET NOTE

The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs shall provide a report detailing its study of the tax treatment of military pensions and recommendations for related policy proposals. The report shall be submitted to the Emergency Board and interim committees of the Legislature related to veterans by September 2024.

Budget Note #3: Higher Education Coordinating Commission

BUDGET NOTE

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission, in collaboration with the University of Oregon, shall submit a report on the use of funds related to equitable water access to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means and any committee of the Legislature working on water-related issues during the 2025 legislative session.

Budget Note #4: Department of Human Services

BUDGET NOTE

The Department of Human Services is directed to present to the Human Services Subcommittee of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means during the 2024 regular legislative session on (1) the status of efforts to transition the current caseload of 300 individuals (as of June 5, 2023) into community-based housing and wrap-around services, (2) the number of similarly-situated individuals who have arrived in Oregon in

need of like services, and (3) efforts to connect those individuals with community-based organizations and resources.

Budget Note #5: Department of Human Services

BUDGET NOTE

The Department of Human Services is directed to conduct a comprehensive rate and wage study across home and community-based service delivery systems, with a focus on providers of in-home and residential care to individuals receiving services through the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services and the Office of Aging and People with Disabilities and provide a written report on the findings and recommendations to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means or Emergency Board no later than September 2024. The report shall provide an analysis of (1) the findings of the wage and rate study; (2) the different required qualifications to provide services in a particular setting; the different service delivery models and service requirements for the service delivery model; and the levels of acuity among recipients of the services provided; and (3) the costs and benefits of recommendations designed to standardize the compensation of direct care workers across programs and service delivery models.

Budget Note #6: Department of Fish and Wildlife

BUDGET NOTE

The Department of Fish and Wildlife is directed to procure a third-party assessment of the operations, sustainability, and climate vulnerability of state-owned fish hatcheries. The department shall present a detailed and thorough report which must, at a minimum, include the following:

- Funding models and financial sustainability of state-owned hatchery operations, including consideration of facility maintenance costs.
- An economic cost-benefit analysts that includes:
 - The total agency costs associated with producing hatchery fish at each facility.
 - The estimated economic benefits associated with production of hatchery fish.
- A summary of how the ecological impacts and benefits of hatchery programs on wild fish are incorporated into federal and state planning and policy making.
- Climate vulnerability for a sample set of state-owned hatcheries. This assessment should include:
 - The projected impact of climate change on the ability of each hatchery to rear and release fish.
 - The likely impact of climate change on the viability of, and need (augmentation and conservation) for hatchery programs.
 - Recommendations to mitigate these impacts through hatchery program changes, such as the species of fish released, and other measures.

During the 2024 legislative session, the Department is directed to provide an update on the status of this report to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means. The Department shall present a completed report during the 2025 session.

Budget Note #7: Criminal Justice Commission

BUDGET NOTE

The Criminal Justice Commission is directed to study the advantages and disadvantages of decriminalizing the crime of prostitution and provide a report on the study to the Emergency Board and relevant interim committees related to judiciary, no later than September 2024.

Budget Note #8: Department of Justice

BUDGET NOTE

The Department of Justice is directed to report to the Joint Legislative Committee on Information Management and Technology and the Joint Committee on Ways and Means prior to the 2024 legislative session on the status of the Legal Tools Replacement Project 3.0. The agency's reports to the Legislature shall include: (a) updates on project scope, schedule, budget, and total cost of ownership; (b) current project risks, likely impacts, and mitigation strategies; (c) independent quality assurance reporting; (d) Department of Administrative Services project reporting and direction; (e) client agency involvement in the planning and governance of the project; and (d) other information that helps inform the Legislature on the status of the project or issues that have arisen as the result of the project.

Budget Note #9: Public Defense Services Commission

BUDGET NOTE

The Public Defense Services Commission is directed to report to the Joint Legislative Committee on Information Management and Technology and the Joint Committee on Ways and Means prior to the 2024 legislative session on the status of the Financial/Case Management System (F/CMS) information technology project. The Commission's reports to the Legislature shall include: (a) updates on project scope, schedule, budget, and total cost of ownership; (b) current project risks, likely impacts, and mitigation strategies; (c) independent quality assurance reporting; (d) stakeholder/provider involvement in the planning and governance of the project; and (e) other information that helps inform the Legislature on the status of the project or issues that have arisen as the result of the project. The Commission is to follow the Joint Stage Gate or a similar disciplined process related to information technology projects, including development of key artifacts and independent quality assurance oversight.