

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 5539

Department of State Lands

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

SB 5539 is the budget bill for the Department of State Lands. The recommended budget totals \$117,096,881 and 142 positions (136.90 FTE) and is 78.3% above current service level. The increase is primarily due to the continuation of previous one-time funding for Portland Harbor Superfund, technology investments, abandoned and derelict vessel removal, and the Elliot State Research Forest.

In total, \$7.5 million is included for legal, operational, and remediation costs related to the Portland Harbor Superfund Site, \$3.5 million for final implementation of the Lands Administration System replacement project, \$11.2 million for the abandoned and derelict vessel program, \$10 million for research relating to geological carbon sequestration on state lands, and \$12 million for continuing forest management of the Elliott State Research Forest.

Positions are added for aquatic resource management to support wetlands and waterways and removal-fill permits, and Federal Funds expenditure limitation is included for continuing projects in the South Slough Estuarine Research Reserve.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends SB 5539 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.