

# SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

## SB 5502

### Department of Agriculture

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

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

The Department ensures food safety, protects agricultural natural resources, and promotes economic development in the agricultural industry. The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends a budget for the Department totaling \$173.6 million and supporting 491 positions. This includes \$41.2 million General Fund, \$9.9 million Lottery Funds, \$98.7 million Other Funds, and \$23.7 million Federal Funds.

The Subcommittee recommends 10 policy packages, including support for the Cannabis Reference Lab in partnership with the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission, agricultural workforce housing grants, pesticide enforcement capacity, continued Japanese beetle eradication efforts, and continuation of federally supported programs.

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