

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 5039

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

To:	Ways and Means Full Committee
From:	Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier:	Representative Breese-Iverson

HB 5039 is a budget bill for the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends a budget for the agency of nearly \$230 million total funds, which supports 48 positions. This includes approximately \$3 million in General Fund; \$120 million in Lottery Funds; \$45 million in Other Funds; and \$62 million in Federal Funds. This budget represents an 11% decrease from the legislatively approved budget, and a 43% increase over current service level.

Recommended adjustments total \$69 million, including approximately \$3 million General Fund, \$0.5 million Lottery Funds, \$41 million Other Funds, and \$25 million in Federal Funds expenditure limitation. The cumulative investment focuses on maintaining core services, assuring staffing capacity, and the continuation of grant delivery for watershed and habitat restoration programs.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends HB 5039 be amended by the –2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.