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To: Natural Resources Subcommittee
From: April McDonald, Legislative Fiscal Office
Date: June 10, 2025
Subject: SB 5543 – Water Resources Department
Work Session Recommendations

Water Resources Department <i>Agency Totals</i>				
FUND TYPE	2021-23 ACTUAL	2023-25 LEGISLATIVELY APPROVED	2025-27 CURRENT SERVICE LEVEL	2025-27 LFO RECOMMENDED
General Fund	64,196,283	88,114,428	80,870,715	91,142,469
Lottery Funds	6,976,595	14,102,838	24,352,512	24,352,512
Other Funds	38,535,738	179,581,877	125,603,884	127,379,053
Federal Funds	972,372	2,153,385	2,190,179	2,190,179
TOTAL FUNDS	110,680,988	283,952,528	233,017,290	245,064,213
Positions	241	259	248	245
FTE	216.97	248.71	245.25	242.75

Following are the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) recommendations for the 2025-27 biennial budget and Key Performance Measures for the Water Resources Department (WRD).

The recommended budget of over \$245 million total funds supports 245 positions (242.75 FTE) and represents a 13.7% decrease from the 2023-25 legislatively approved budget (LAB), and a 6% increase over the 2025-27 current service level (CSL). The decrease from LAB is driven by the removal of one-time investments totaling nearly \$71 million. This includes \$17 million General Fund and \$54 million in Other Funds expenditure limitation, largely for infrastructure and water supply projects, as well as delivery of one-time American Rescue Plan Act funding for fee-based programs. The increase above CSL totals approximately \$12 million, including over \$10 million General Fund, and nearly \$2 million in Other Funds expenditure limitation.

The cumulative investment is represented in seven policy packages, which focus on the continued delivery of obligated American Rescue Plan Act funding; restoring staff for water right transaction processing with General Fund, as well as a fee increase assumed in HB 2803; maintaining dam safety services; providing for legal services; and carrying forward grant funding for water supply projects.

Adjustments to Current Service Level

See attached “Work Session Presentation Report.”

Note: Statewide adjustments and six-year capital construction expenditures are not included in these recommendations. Any needed adjustments will be made in end of session bills.

Accept LFO Recommendation

MOTION: I move the LFO recommendation to SB 5543. *(vote)*

OR

Modify LFO Recommendation

MOTION: I move the LFO recommendation to SB 5543, with modifications. *(vote)*

Performance Measures

See attached “Legislatively Proposed 2025-27 Key Performance Measures.”

Accept LFO Recommendation

MOTION: I move the LFO recommendation on Key Performance Measures. *(vote)*

OR

Modify LFO Recommendation

MOTION: I move the LFO recommendation on Key Performance Measures, with modifications. *(vote)*

Amendment

LFO recommends a budget of \$91,142,469 General Fund, \$24,352,512 Lottery Funds, \$127,379,053 Other Funds, \$2,190,179 Federal Funds, and 245 positions (242.75 FTE), which is reflected in the –2 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the –2 amendment to SB 5543. *(vote)*

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that SB 5543, as amended by the –2 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move SB 5543, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. *(vote)*

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____

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Water Resources Program

	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Nonlimited Other Funds	Nonlimited Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)
2023-25 Agy. Leg. Adopted	81,331,457	15,856,857	174,067,284	703,315	-	-	271,958,913	258	246.63
2023-25 Ebds, SS & Admin Act	6,782,971	(1,754,019)	5,514,593	1,450,070	-	-	11,993,615	1	2.08
Ways & Means Actions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2023-25 Leg Approved Budget	88,114,428	14,102,838	179,581,877	2,153,385	-	-	283,952,528	259	248.71
2023-25 Leg Approved Budget (Base)	88,114,428	14,102,838	179,581,877	2,153,385	-	-	283,952,528	259	248.71
Summary of Base Adjustments	7,519,918	10,249,674	234,586	43,941	-	-	18,048,119	(11)	(3.46)
2025-27 Base Budget	95,634,346	24,352,512	179,816,463	2,197,326	-	-	302,000,647	248	245.25
010: Non-PICS Pers Svc/Vacancy Factor	(1,775,527)	-	(402,260)	(7,147)	-	-	(2,184,934)	-	-
020: Phase In / Out Pgm & One-time Cost	(16,328,960)	-	(53,996,978)	-	-	-	(70,325,938)	-	-
030: Inflation & Price List Adjustments	3,340,856	-	186,659	-	-	-	3,527,515	-	-
2025-27 Current Service Level	80,870,715	24,352,512	125,603,884	2,190,179	-	-	233,017,290	248	245.25
070: Revenue Reductions/Shortfall	-	-	(1,691,331)	-	-	-	(1,691,331)	(7)	(7.00)
Adjusted 2025-27 Current Service Level	80,870,715	24,352,512	123,912,553	2,190,179	-	-	231,325,959	241	238.25
Total LFO Recommended Packages	10,271,754	-	3,466,500	-	-	-	13,738,254	4	4.50
2025-27 Legislative Actions	91,142,469	24,352,512	127,379,053	2,190,179	-	-	245,064,213	245	242.75
Net change from 2023-25 Leg Approved Budget	3,028,041	10,249,674	(52,202,824)	36,794	-	-	(38,888,315)	(14)	(5.96)
Percent change from 2023-25 Leg Approved Budget	3.4%	72.7%	(29.1%)	1.7%	0.0%	0.0%	(13.7%)	(5.4%)	(2.4%)
Net change from 2025-27 Adj Current Service Level	10,271,754	-	3,466,500	-	-	-	13,738,254	4	4.50
Percent change from 2025-27 Adj Current Service Level	12.7%	0.0%	2.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.9%	1.7%	1.9%

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Administrative Services

	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Nonlimited Other Funds	Nonlimited Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)
2023-25 Agy. Leg. Adopted	12,060,775	15,856,857	2,137,935	25,000	-	-	30,080,567	41	39.63
2023-25 Ebds, SS & Admin Act	83,008	(1,754,019)	1,887,929	-	-	-	216,918	-	-
Ways & Means Actions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2023-25 Leg Approved Budget	12,143,783	14,102,838	4,025,864	25,000	-	-	30,297,485	41	39.63
2023-25 Leg Approved Budget (Base)	12,143,783	14,102,838	4,025,864	25,000	-	-	30,297,485	41	39.63
Summary of Base Adjustments	1,305,615	10,249,674	112,096	-	-	-	11,667,385	-	0.12
2025-27 Base Budget	13,449,398	24,352,512	4,137,960	25,000	-	-	41,964,870	41	39.75
010: Non-PICS Pers Svc/Vacancy Factor	(275,973)	-	(57,828)	-	-	-	(333,801)	-	-
020: Phase In / Out Pgm & One-time Cost	2,813	-	(1,755,115)	-	-	-	(1,752,302)	-	-
030: Inflation & Price List Adjustments	1,169,726	-	29,188	-	-	-	1,198,914	-	-
060: Technical Adjustments	724,177	-	-	-	-	-	724,177	2	2.75
2025-27 Current Service Level	15,070,141	24,352,512	2,354,205	25,000	-	-	41,801,858	43	42.50
070: Revenue Reductions/Shortfall	-	-	(227,328)	-	-	-	(227,328)	(1)	(1.00)
Adjusted 2025-27 Current Service Level	15,070,141	24,352,512	2,126,877	25,000	-	-	41,574,530	42	41.50
Total LFO Recommended Packages	227,328	-	-	-	-	-	227,328	1	1.00
2025-27 Legislative Actions	15,297,469	24,352,512	2,126,877	25,000	-	-	41,801,858	43	42.50
Net change from 2023-25 Leg Approved Budget	3,153,686	10,249,674	(1,898,987)	-	-	-	11,504,373	2	2.87
Percent change from 2023-25 Leg Approved Budget	26.0%	72.7%	(47.2%)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	38.0%	4.9%	7.2%
Net change from 2025-27 Adj Current Service Level	227,328	-	-	-	-	-	227,328	1	1.00
Percent change from 2025-27 Adj Current Service Level	1.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	2.4%	2.4%

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Administrative Services

	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Nonlimited Other Funds	Nonlimited Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)
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Package 070 Revenue Shortfalls

Package Description This package reduces Other Funds expenditure limitation by \$227,328 and eliminates a permanent position (1.00 FTE) in the Administrative Services division. The reduction is the result of a fee revenue shortfall for water right transaction fees and is necessary to adjust the current service level budget to anticipated revenue.

LFO Recommendation Approve the package.

LFO Recommended	-	-	(227,328)	-	-	-	(227,328)	(1)	(1.00)
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Package 102 Maintain Water Right & Dam Safety Services

Package Description This package exists in both the Administrative Services division and the Water Right Services division. In total, the package provides \$1.3 million General Fund, \$374,637 in Other Funds expenditure limitation, and reestablishes seven positions (7.00 FTE) abolished in package 070 due to the fee revenue shortfall in water right transaction fees. The Other Funds expenditure limitation is increased assuming revenue from the passage of HB 2803, which raises most water right transaction fees by 50% and raises dam safety fees in a range between 56% and 58%. The portion of the package in the Administrative Services division provides \$227,328 General Fund and reestablishes one Water Resource Data Technician (1.00 FTE).

LFO Recommendation Approve the package.

LFO Recommended	227,328	-	-	-	-	-	227,328	1	1.00
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Field Services

	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Nonlimited Other Funds	Nonlimited Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)
2023-25 Agy. Leg. Adopted	21,639,428	-	2,938,949	75,000	-	-	24,653,377	88	86.96
2023-25 Ebds, SS & Admin Act	1,394,974	-	228,124	-	-	-	1,623,098	(2)	(1.58)
Ways & Means Actions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2023-25 Leg Approved Budget	23,034,402	-	3,167,073	75,000	-	-	26,276,475	86	85.38
2023-25 Leg Approved Budget (Base)	23,034,402	-	3,167,073	75,000	-	-	26,276,475	86	85.38
Summary of Base Adjustments	2,157,939	-	219,264	-	-	-	2,377,203	-	0.12
2025-27 Base Budget	25,192,341	-	3,386,337	75,000	-	-	28,653,678	86	85.50
010: Non-PICS Pers Svc/Vacancy Factor	(646,341)	-	(86,159)	-	-	-	(732,500)	-	-
020: Phase In / Out Pgm & One-time Cost	22,487	-	-	-	-	-	22,487	-	-
030: Inflation & Price List Adjustments	643,607	-	25,982	-	-	-	669,589	-	-
060: Technical Adjustments	(519,994)	-	-	-	-	-	(519,994)	(2)	(2.00)
2025-27 Current Service Level	24,692,100	-	3,326,160	75,000	-	-	28,093,260	84	83.50
Adjusted 2025-27 Current Service Level	24,692,100	-	3,326,160	75,000	-	-	28,093,260	84	83.50
Total LFO Recommended Packages	(171,333)	-	(83,894)	-	-	-	(255,227)	(1)	(1.00)
2025-27 Legislative Actions	24,520,767	-	3,242,266	75,000	-	-	27,838,033	83	82.50
Net change from 2023-25 Leg Approved Budget	1,486,365	-	75,193	-	-	-	1,561,558	(3)	(2.88)
Percent change from 2023-25 Leg Approved Budget	6.5%	0.0%	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.9%	(3.5%)	(3.4%)
Net change from 2025-27 Adj Current Service Level	(171,333)	-	(83,894)	-	-	-	(255,227)	(1)	(1.00)
Percent change from 2025-27 Adj Current Service Level	(0.7%)	0.0%	(2.5%)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	(0.9%)	(1.2%)	(1.2%)

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Package 110 State Scenic Waterway Revenue Gap

Package Description This package exists in the Field Services division, Technical Services division, and the Water Right Services division. In total, the package provides \$290,165 General Fund to backfill a revenue shortfall for the State Scenic Waterways program. Six positions are funded partly by General Fund and partly funded by a transfer from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. These six positions spend a portion of their time ensuring that a proposed water right application or transfer will not negatively impact a state scenic waterway. The contracted inflationary increases have not kept pace with staffing costs over the past few biennia, therefore the shortfall has been widening. During the 2023-25 biennium, the funding gap had been covered through the Department's vacancy savings. The portion of the package in Field Services provides \$83,894 General Fund for personal services.

LFO Recommendation Approve the package.

LFO Recommended	83,894	-	(83,894)	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Field Services

	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Nonlimited Other Funds	Nonlimited Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)
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Package 802 Vacant Position Reductions

Package Description This package eliminates one vacant Administrative Specialist 2 (1.00 FTE) in the Field Services division and reduces General Fund by \$228,187 for position cost, and \$27,040 for services and supplies.

LFO Recommendation Approve the package.

LFO Recommended	(255,227)	-	-	-	-	-	(255,227)	(1)	(1.00)
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Technical Services

	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Nonlimited Other Funds	Nonlimited Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)
2023-25 Agy. Leg. Adopted	15,660,537	-	8,651,236	553,315	-	-	24,865,088	56	55.28
2023-25 Ebds, SS & Admin Act	3,843,020	-	3,081,457	1,450,070	-	-	8,374,547	3	2.33
Ways & Means Actions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2023-25 Leg Approved Budget	19,503,557	-	11,732,693	2,003,385	-	-	33,239,635	59	57.61
2023-25 Leg Approved Budget (Base)	18,503,557	-	10,732,693	2,003,385	-	-	31,239,635	59	57.61
Summary of Base Adjustments	2,407,026	-	183,583	43,941	-	-	2,634,550	(1)	0.39
2025-27 Base Budget	20,910,583	-	10,916,276	2,047,326	-	-	33,874,185	58	58.00
010: Non-PICS Pers Svc/Vacancy Factor	(404,262)	-	(105,755)	(7,147)	-	-	(517,164)	-	-
020: Phase In / Out Pgm & One-time Cost	(1,439,074)	-	(5,140,667)	-	-	-	(6,579,741)	-	-
030: Inflation & Price List Adjustments	537,569	-	66,603	-	-	-	604,172	-	-
060: Technical Adjustments	43,070	-	(1,500,000)	-	-	-	(1,456,930)	1	0.25
2025-27 Current Service Level	19,647,886	-	4,236,457	2,040,179	-	-	25,924,522	59	58.25
Adjusted 2025-27 Current Service Level	19,647,886	-	4,236,457	2,040,179	-	-	25,924,522	59	58.25
Total LFO Recommended Packages	49,548	-	1,400,452	-	-	-	1,450,000	-	-
2025-27 Legislative Actions	19,697,434	-	5,636,909	2,040,179	-	-	27,374,522	59	58.25
Net change from 2023-25 Leg Approved Budget	193,877	-	(6,095,784)	36,794	-	-	(5,865,113)	-	0.64
Percent change from 2023-25 Leg Approved Budget	1.0%	0.0%	(52.0%)	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	(17.6%)	0.0%	1.1%
Net change from 2025-27 Adj Current Service Level	49,548	-	1,400,452	-	-	-	1,450,000	-	-
Percent change from 2025-27 Adj Current Service Level	0.3%	0.0%	33.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.6%	0.0%	0.0%

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Package 101 Maintain Well Construction Program Services

Package Description This revenue-only package assumes passage of HB 2808, which increases various fees administered by the Department related to well construction, alteration, abandonment, and conversion. Start card fees for new well construction and modifications are increased by 40%; the water well driller examination fee is increased by 25%; licensing fees are raised by 10%; and the permit fee for landowners constructing wells on their property are increased by 10%. Collectively, the fee increases are anticipated to generate \$920,000 in Other Funds revenue during the 2025-27 biennium.

LFO Recommendation Approve the package.

LFO Recommended	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Package 106 American Rescue Plan Act Carryover

Package Description This package includes \$1.5 million in Other Funds expenditure limitation for the Technical Services division to carry forward obligated but unspent American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Federal requirements state ARPA funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026. Funding allocations provide for place-based planning; fish passage; data collection and field equipment; water measurement cost share; flood and inundation assessments; and an ordnance project for Umatilla County.

LFO Recommendation Approve the package.

LFO Recommended	-	-	1,450,000	-	-	-	1,450,000	-	-
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Package 110 State Scenic Waterway Revenue Gap

Package Description This package exists in the Field Services division, Technical Services division, and the Water Right Services division. In total, the package provides \$290,165 General Fund to backfill a revenue shortfall for the State Scenic Waterways program. Six positions are funded partly by General Fund and partly funded by a transfer from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. These six positions spend a portion of their time ensuring that a proposed water right application or transfer will not negatively impact a state scenic waterway. The contracted inflationary increases have not kept pace with staffing costs over the past few biennia, therefore the shortfall has been widening. During the 2023-25 biennium, the funding gap had been covered through the Department’s vacancy savings. The portion of the package in Technical Services provides \$49,548 General Fund for personal services.

LFO Recommendation Approve the package.

LFO Recommended	49,548	-	(49,548)	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Water Right Services Division

	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Nonlimited Other Funds	Nonlimited Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)
2023-25 Agy. Leg. Adopted	5,350,441	-	5,772,634	25,000	-	-	11,148,075	41	34.67
2023-25 Ebds, SS & Admin Act	(464,278)	-	317,083	-	-	-	(147,195)	(1)	0.83
Ways & Means Actions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2023-25 Leg Approved Budget	4,886,163	-	6,089,717	25,000	-	-	11,000,880	40	35.50
2023-25 Leg Approved Budget (Base)	4,886,163	-	6,089,717	25,000	-	-	11,000,880	40	35.50
Summary of Base Adjustments	201,159	-	(280,357)	-	-	-	(79,198)	(8)	(4.00)
2025-27 Base Budget	5,087,322	-	5,809,360	25,000	-	-	10,921,682	32	31.50
010: Non-PICS Pers Svc/Vacancy Factor	(155,420)	-	(152,518)	-	-	-	(307,938)	-	-
020: Phase In / Out Pgm & One-time Cost	-	-	(797,371)	-	-	-	(797,371)	-	-
030: Inflation & Price List Adjustments	132,927	-	58,998	-	-	-	191,925	-	-
2025-27 Current Service Level	5,064,829	-	4,918,469	25,000	-	-	10,008,298	32	31.50
070: Revenue Reductions/Shortfall	-	-	(1,464,003)	-	-	-	(1,464,003)	(6)	(6.00)
Adjusted 2025-27 Current Service Level	5,064,829	-	3,454,466	25,000	-	-	8,544,295	26	25.50
Total LFO Recommended Packages	1,246,089	-	217,914	-	-	-	1,464,003	6	6.00
2025-27 Legislative Actions	6,310,918	-	3,672,380	25,000	-	-	10,008,298	32	31.50
Net change from 2023-25 Leg Approved Budget	1,424,755	-	(2,417,337)	-	-	-	(992,582)	(8)	(4.00)
Percent change from 2023-25 Leg Approved Budget	29.2%	0.0%	(39.7%)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	(9.0%)	(20.0%)	(11.3%)
Net change from 2025-27 Adj Current Service Level	1,246,089	-	217,914	-	-	-	1,464,003	6	6.00
Percent change from 2025-27 Adj Current Service Level	24.6%	0.0%	6.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	17.1%	23.1%	23.5%

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Water Right Services Division

	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Nonlimited Other Funds	Nonlimited Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)
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Package 070 Revenue Shortfalls

Package Description This package reduces Other Funds expenditure limitation by \$1.5 million and eliminates six permanent positions (6.00 FTE) in the Water Right Services division. The reduction is the result of a fee revenue shortfall for water right transaction fees and is necessary to adjust the current service level budget to anticipated revenue.

LFO Recommendation Approve the package.

LFO Recommended	-	-	(1,464,003)	-	-	-	(1,464,003)	(6)	(6.00)
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Package 102 Maintain Water Right & Dam Safety Services

Package Description This package exists in both the Administrative Services division and the Water Right Services division. In total, the package provides \$1.3 million General Fund, \$374,637 in Other Funds expenditure limitation, and reestablishes seven positions (7.00 FTE) abolished in package 070 due to the fee revenue shortfall in water right transaction fees. The Other Funds expenditure limitation is increased assuming revenue from the passage of HB 2803, which raises most water right transaction fees by 50% and raises dam safety fees in a range between 56% and 58%. The portion of the package in the Water Right Services division provides \$1,089,366 General Fund, \$347,637 Other Funds expenditure limitation, and reestablishes six positions (6.00 FTE).

LFO Recommendation Approve the package.

LFO Recommended	1,089,366	-	374,637	-	-	-	1,464,003	6	6.00
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Package 110 State Scenic Waterway Revenue Gap

Package Description This package exists in the Field Services division, Technical Services division, and the Water Right Services division. In total, the package provides \$290,165 General Fund to backfill a revenue shortfall for the State Scenic Waterways program. Six positions are funded partly by General Fund and partly funded by a transfer from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. These six positions spend a portion of their time ensuring that a proposed water right application or transfer will not negatively impact a state scenic waterway. The contracted inflationary increases have not kept pace with staffing costs over the past few biennia, therefore the shortfall has been widening. During the 2023-25 biennium, the funding gap had been covered through the Department’s vacancy savings. The portion of the package in Water Right Services provides \$156,723 General Fund for personal services.

LFO Recommendation Approve the package.

LFO Recommended	156,723	-	(156,723)	-	-	-	-	-	-
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	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Nonlimited Other Funds	Nonlimited Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)
2023-25 Agy. Leg. Adopted	26,620,276	-	154,566,530	25,000	-	-	181,211,806	32	30.09
2023-25 Ebds, SS & Admin Act	1,926,247	-	-	-	-	-	1,926,247	1	0.50
Ways & Means Actions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2023-25 Leg Approved Budget	28,546,523	-	154,566,530	25,000	-	-	183,138,053	33	30.59
2023-25 Leg Approved Budget (Base)	29,546,523	-	155,566,530	25,000	-	-	185,138,053	33	30.59
Summary of Base Adjustments	1,448,179	-	-	-	-	-	1,448,179	(2)	(0.09)
2025-27 Base Budget	30,994,702	-	155,566,530	25,000	-	-	186,586,232	31	30.50
010: Non-PICS Pers Svc/Vacancy Factor	(293,531)	-	-	-	-	-	(293,531)	-	-
020: Phase In / Out Pgm & One-time Cost	(14,915,186)	-	(46,303,825)	-	-	-	(61,219,011)	-	-
030: Inflation & Price List Adjustments	857,027	-	5,888	-	-	-	862,915	-	-
060: Technical Adjustments	(247,253)	-	1,500,000	-	-	-	1,252,747	(1)	(1.00)
2025-27 Current Service Level	16,395,759	-	110,768,593	25,000	-	-	127,189,352	30	29.50
Adjusted 2025-27 Current Service Level	16,395,759	-	110,768,593	25,000	-	-	127,189,352	30	29.50
Total LFO Recommended Packages	8,920,122	-	1,932,028	-	-	-	10,852,150	(2)	(1.50)
2025-27 Legislative Actions	25,315,881	-	112,700,621	25,000	-	-	138,041,502	28	28.00
Net change from 2023-25 Leg Approved Budget	(3,230,642)	-	(41,865,909)	-	-	-	(45,096,551)	(5)	(2.59)
Percent change from 2023-25 Leg Approved Budget	(11.3%)	0.0%	(27.1%)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	(24.6%)	(15.2%)	(8.5%)
Net change from 2025-27 Adj Current Service Level	8,920,122	-	1,932,028	-	-	-	10,852,150	(2)	(1.50)
Percent change from 2025-27 Adj Current Service Level	54.4%	0.0%	1.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	8.5%	(6.7%)	(5.1%)

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Package 106 American Rescue Plan Act Carryover

Package Description This package includes \$1.8 million in Other Funds expenditure limitation for the Director's Office to carry forward obligated but unspent American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Federal requirements state ARPA funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026. Funding allocations provide for place-based planning; data collection and field equipment; water measurement cost share; flood and inundation assessments; and an ordnance project for Umatilla County.

LFO Recommendation Approve the package.

LFO Recommended	-	-	1,750,000	-	-	-	1,750,000	-	-
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Package 801 LFO Analyst Adjustments

Package Description - Analyst Adjustments - This package includes \$4,741,720 General Fund on a one-time basis to carry forward funding for DOJ costs and legal fees approved in SB 5550 (2025). Additionally, the package reappropriates \$4,605,000 General Fund on a one-time basis to carry forward unspent grants for water supply projects, including:

- \$1,235,000 to the Deschutes River Conservancy for the Conserving Water Through Piping and Improved Monitoring and Measurement project,
- \$1,500,000 to the Rogue River Irrigation District for the Fourmile Creek project,
- \$1,500,000 to the City of Monroe for Water for the Pre-filter and Automated Controls Infrastructure project, and
- \$370,000 for the City of Sodaville for water system planning and water hauling

Lastly the package includes an increase of \$182,028 Other Funds expenditure limitation to spend American Rescue Plan Act funds which have been reallocated based on demand, from fish passage projects to the Water Well Abandonment, Repair and Replacement Fund.

LFO Recommendation Approve the package.

LFO Recommended	9,346,720	-	182,028	-	-	-	9,528,748	-	-
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Package 802 Vacant Position Reductions

Package Description This package eliminates two vacant positions (1.50 FTE) and reduces General Fund by \$386,598 for position cost, and \$40,000 for position related services and supplies. Positions include an Administrative Specialist 1 (0.50 FTE) and a Natural Resources Specialist 5 (1.00 FTE).

LFO Recommendation Approve the package.

LFO Recommended	(426,598)	-	-	-	-	-	(426,598)	(2)	(1.50)
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Legislatively Proposed 2025 - 2027 Key Performance Measures

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Agency: Water Resources Department

Mission Statement:

To serve the public by practicing and promoting responsible water management.

Legislatively Proposed KPMs	Metrics	Agency Request	Last Reported Result	Target 2026	Target 2027
1. FLOW RESTORATION - Percent of watersheds that need flow restoration for fish that had a significant quantity of water put instream through WRD administered programs.		Approved	26%	32%	32%
2. PROTECTION OF INSTREAM WATER RIGHTS - Ratio of regulatory orders issued to protect senior water rights when the senior water right is an instream right to all regulatory orders issued to protect senior water rights.		Approved	34%	50%	50%
3. MONITOR COMPLIANCE - Percent of total regulatory actions that found water right holders in compliance with water rights and regulations.		Approved	99%	99%	99%
4. STREAM FLOW GAGING - Percent change from 2001 in the number of WRD operated or assisted gauging stations.		Approved	17%	23%	23%
5. ASSESSING GROUND WATER RESOURCES - Percent change from 2001 in the number of wells routinely monitored to assess ground water resources.		Approved	20%	20%	20%
6. EQUIP CITIZENS WITH INFORMATION - Number of times water management related data was accessed through the WRD's Internet site.		Approved	7.25	5	5
7. NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT DIVERSIONS WITH MEASUREMENT DEVICES INSTALLED - To fully implement the Water Resources Commission's 2000 Water Measurement Strategy		Approved	1,123	1,265	1,265
8. PROMOTE EFFICIENCY IN WATER MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION PLAN REVIEWS - Percent of water management and conservation plans that received a preliminary review within 90 days of plan submittal.		Approved	100%	100%	100%
9. PROMOTE EFFICIENCY IN WATER RIGHT APPLICATION PROCESSING - Percent of water right applications that receive an initial review within 45 days of application filing.		Approved	35%	55%	55%
10. PROMOTE EFFICIENCY IN TRANSFER APPLICATION PROCESSING - Percent of transfer final orders issued within 120 days of application filing.		Approved	12%	40%	40%
11. INCREASE WATER USE REPORTING - the percent of water users with an annual water-use reporting requirement that have submitted their reports to the Department.		Approved	78%	85%	85%
12. CUSTOMER SERVICE - Percent of customers rating their satisfaction with the agency's customer service as "good" or "excellent" in overall customer service, timeliness, accuracy, helpfulness, expertise, and availability of information.	Timeliness	Approved	47%	90%	90%
	Expertise		70%	90%	90%
	Helpfulness		73%	90%	90%
	Accuracy		66%	90%	90%
	Availability of Information		69%	90%	90%
	Overall		67%	90%	90%

Legislatively Proposed KPMs	Metrics	Agency Request	Last Reported Result	Target 2026	Target 2027
13. PROMOTE EFFICIENCY IN TEMPORARY TRANSFER APPLICATION PROCESSING - Percent of temporary transfer applications issued within 120 days of application filing.		Proposed New		50%	50%

LFO Recommendation:

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends approval of the proposed key performance measures and targets.

SubCommittee Action: