

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 5541

Department of Transportation

To:	Ways and Means Full Committee
From:	Capital Construction Subcommittee
Carrier:	Representative Gomberg

SB 5541 is the budget bill for the Department of Transportation.

The Subcommittee recommends a total funds budget of \$6.1 billion and 4,803 positions. This recommendation is a 12.4% decrease from the 2023-25 legislatively approved budget. ODOT's budget is primarily funded with Other Funds and Federal Funds. General Fund primarily supports debt service on previously issued bonds. Lottery bonds support debt service and veterans' transportation grants.

To help address a State Highway Fund shortfall, the budget reduces Other Funds by \$46 million and eliminates 121 operations and maintenance positions, of which 94% are currently vacant. The budget assumes passage of a transportation funding bill that generates sufficient revenue to restore \$371.6 million Other Funds and 884 positions that would otherwise be eliminated due to the shortfall.

The budget also includes \$276.9 million total funds and 55 positions for non-State Highway Fund investments, supporting work on the Interstate Bridge Replacement, federal grant program oversight, increased demand for Real ID credentials, and completion of the second phase of the Newberg-Dundee Bypass.

The Capital Construction Subcommittee recommends SB 5541 be amended by the –4 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.