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Summary of Emergency Board Action September 2014

The Legislative Emergency Board met on September 17, 2014 and considered an agenda of 58 items. The agenda included four requests for allocations from the general purpose appropriation made to the Emergency Board, including one from a reservation; all of which were approved. There were also two agency requests on the agenda for allocations from special purpose appropriations made to the Emergency Board, totaling \$3.4 million, all of which was allocated. Additional details on these allocations are described below. After the Emergency Board actions, the unallocated balance of the general purpose Emergency Fund is \$28.3 million (including \$3.5 million in reservations) with a \$32.9 million balance in special purpose appropriations.

The agenda included 13 items that requested additional 2013-15 biennium authority to spend Other Funds and Federal Funds and one item requesting a transfer of expenditure limitation between programs within an agency. The Emergency Board approved expenditure limitation increases of approximately \$6.2 million Other Funds (including \$4.7 million for the Department of Justice) and \$0.8 million Federal Funds. The Emergency Board also authorized the establishment of one permanent position (0.38 FTE) and three limited duration positions (0.75 FTE).

The agenda also included 20 agency reports which the Emergency Board acknowledged receiving. The Emergency Board heard 20 requests for the submission of federal grant applications (thirteen of which were on consent – from the Oregon Health Authority [7], the Judicial Department, and the Departments of Justice, Parks and Recreation, Human Services [2], and Consumer and Business Services). One of the grant application requests included approvals of associated expenditure limitation increases.

The following is a summary of significant Emergency Board actions taken at the September 2014 meeting:

Education

- Acknowledged receipt of a report by the Oregon Education Investment Board on the status of the P-20 Education State Longitudinal Data System project.
- Approved, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application by the Office of Student Access and Completion to the U.S. Department of Education in the amount of \$1.4 million for a College Access Challenge Grant.
- Approved, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application by the Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development to the U.S. Department of Labor in the amount of \$6 million for a five year Workforce Innovation Grant.

Human Services

- Allocated \$3,110,000 to the Oregon Health Authority from a special purpose appropriation made to the Emergency Board for senior services for older adult mental health and addictions coordinators, and authorized the establishment of one permanent, full-time position (0.38 FTE).
- Increased the Other Funds expenditure limitation for the Oregon Health Authority by \$496,541 and authorized the establishment of three, full-time limited duration positions (0.75 FTE) to support the current workload in the Oregon Medical Marijuana Dispensary Program.
- Acknowledged receipt of a report by the Oregon Health Authority on mental health housing investments.

- Allocated \$267,400 to the Department of Human Services from a special purpose appropriation made to the Emergency Board for senior services to produce Nursing Facility and Community Based Care utilization reports.
- Acknowledged receipt of reports by the Department of Human Services on U.S. Department of Labor rule changes affecting direct care workers who assist older adults and people with disabilities and on development of a new adult abuse data system.
- Acknowledged receipt of a report by the Department of Human Services on recommended Employment Related Day Care program changes, with direction to the agency to postpone any policy changes pending additional discussion during the 2015 legislative session.

Public Safety and Judicial Branch

- Increased the Other Funds expenditure limitation of the Department of Justice by \$4.7 million and approved the transfer of Other Funds and Federal Funds expenditure limitations between programs to rebalance the agency's 2013-15 legislatively approved budget, with the understanding that the Department of Administrative Services will unschedule \$1.5 million General Fund, \$12.2 million Other Funds, and \$21.6 million Federal Funds.
- Acknowledged receipt of a report by the Military Department on Next Generation 9-1-1 and directed the agency to report back to the Emergency Board on the status of the project.
- Acknowledged receipt of a report by the Oregon Youth Authority on a 10-year Plan for Close Custody Facilities, with the expectation that the agency will report on facilities planning and the Youth Reformation System during the 2015 legislative session.
- Allocated \$318,019 from a reservation established within the general purpose Emergency Fund to the Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision for the replacement of the Parole Board Management Information System.
- Increased the Federal Funds expenditure limitation of the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training by \$123,721 for the expenditure of a grant award from the federal Assistance to Firefighters grant program for the purchase of two Mobile Firefighter Ventilation Training props.

- Acknowledged receipt of a report by the Judicial Department on compensation plan changes for the agency resulting from the advanced date of a scheduled 2% cost of living adjustment by three months.
- Acknowledged receipt of a report by the Commission on Judicial Fitness and Disability on compensation plan changes that increased the Executive Director's salary.

Natural Resources

- Increased the Other Funds expenditure limitation of the Department of State Lands by \$190,000 to rehabilitate 2014 rangeland fire damage; by \$87,300 to continue a business process mapping, review, and improvement project; and by \$140,000 for a business model study for the Elliott State Forest.
- Transferred \$900,000 of Federal Funds expenditure limitation for the Department of Fish and Wildlife from the Fish Division to the Administration Division to increase hunter education classes and improve awareness of hunting opportunities.
- Approved, retroactively, the submission of two federal grant applications by the Department of Energy to the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy totaling \$442,648 for the 2014 State Energy Program competitive awards.
- Acknowledged receipt of a preliminary report by the Department of Forestry on the 2014 fire season, with the expectation that the agency will report again in December 2014 on the fire season and potentially request allocation of resources to cover forest fire response costs.

Economic and Community Development

- Allocated \$659,300 from the general purpose Emergency Fund to the Housing and Community Services Department to meet demand for counseling services associated with the Oregon Foreclosure Avoidance Program; the allocation is expected to continue payments to counseling agencies at least through March 2015 when the program needs will be reevaluated.
- Increased the Federal Funds expenditure limitation of the Department of Veterans' Affairs by \$100,000 due to receipt of additional grant funds from the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs for transportation of veterans in highly rural areas.

- Approved the submission of a federal grant application by the Employment Department to U.S. Department of Labor in the amount of \$396,437 to improve the Short-Time Compensation Program.
- Acknowledged receipt of a report by the Oregon Business Development Department on proposed replacement Key Performance Measures to measure the effectiveness of the agency's small business assistance programs; and approved the new Key Performance Measures and targets.

Consumer and Business Services

- Increased the Other Funds expenditure limitation for the Board of Accountancy by \$200,000 to cover contract investigator and Attorney General costs.
- Increased the Other Funds expenditure limitation of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners by \$120,868 to cover costs associated with increased legal expenses, IT projects, and personal services.
- Increased the Federal Funds expenditure limitation for the Public Utility Commission by \$309,200 in order to spend the remainder of an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant.
- Approved, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application by the Department of Consumer and Business Services for the Cycle IV Health Insurance Review Grant, and increased the Federal Funds expenditure limitation for the agency by \$300,000 for the grant award expected to be spent during the 2013-15 biennium.
- Acknowledged receipt of a report by the Construction Contractors Board on agency operations and directed the agency to report back to the Legislature during the 2015 session.

Administration

- Acknowledged receipt of a report by the Office of the Governor on a plan to mitigate the economic impact of the closure of the Blue Mountain Recovery Center in Pendleton.
- Approved, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application by the Secretary of State to the National Historic Publications and Records Commission in the amount of \$43,696 for two years for funds available through the State and National Archival Partnership Program.
- Acknowledged receipt of a report by the Department of Administrative Services on the implementation of compensation plan changes, primarily due to the advance in date of a

scheduled cost of living adjustment by three months.

- Acknowledged receipt of reports by the Department of Administrative Services on the state's Certificates of Participation debt service savings and Lottery Bond debt service savings as a result of refinancing the debt.
- Acknowledged receipt of a report by the Department of Administrative Services on unanticipated expenditures the Department plans to include in a future Other Funds rebalance request for the Emergency Board in December or Legislature next session.
- Acknowledged receipt of a report by the Government Ethics Commission on its development of an electronic reporting system for statements of economic interest and directed the agency to report again in December 2014.
- Acknowledged receipt of a report by the Department of Revenue on the Core System Replacement project and the agency's readiness to proceed with the project's planned phase-1 implementation in November 2014.
- Acknowledged receipt of a report by the Oregon State Lottery on the feasibility of establishing a dedicated lottery raffle game to support veterans' programs.

Legislative Branch

- Established a General Fund appropriation for the Department of Administrative Services, based on a request by the Legislative Fiscal Office, and allocated \$511,996 from the general purpose Emergency Fund to the newly established appropriation for payment as a grant to TrackTown USA for costs associated with public safety at the International Association of Athletics Federations World Junior Championships held in Eugene during the summer of 2014.
- Increased the Other Funds expenditure limitation for the Military Department, Office of Emergency Management by \$212,500, based on a request by the Legislative Fiscal Office, to grant funds from the Oregon Local Disaster Assistance Loan and Grant Account to the Vernonia School District to assist with payments on debt obligations due to the construction of a replacement school facility.
- Increased the Other Funds expenditure limitation for the Military Department, Office of Emergency Management by \$62,500, based on a request by the Legislative Fiscal Office, to grant funds from the Oregon Local Disaster Assistance Loan and

Grant Account to the City of Westfir for deepening of a water intake pipe.

- Allocated \$100,000 from the general purpose Emergency Fund to the Department of Administrative Services for use by Oregon State University's Endophyte Services Laboratory,

based on a request by the Legislative Fiscal Office, for research involving the export of straw for forage to the Middle East, with a recommendation that any future state funding require a minimum dollar for dollar match with non-public funds.

Emergency Fund Balance Summary		
	Agency Requests	Emergency Board Action
General Purpose Emergency Fund		
Appropriation (after 2014 Session adjustments)	30,000,000	30,000,000
Allocations to date	(98,700)	(98,700)
Unallocated Balance	29,901,300	29,901,300
Reservations (within General Purpose)	3,850,000	3,850,000
Reservations allocated to date	0	0
Unallocated Reservations	3,850,000	3,850,000
# September 2014 Requests - General Purpose		
29 Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision - Parole Board Management Information System (from reservation)	(318,017)	(318,019)
33 Housing and Community Services Department - Oregon Foreclosure Avoidance Program	(1,181,300)	(659,300)
56 Legislative Fiscal Office - TrackTown USA Public Safety funding	(600,000)	(511,996)
59 Legislative Fiscal Office - OSU Agricultural Experiment Station Endophyte research	(100,000)	(100,000)
Total Requests - General Purpose	(2,199,317)	(1,589,315)
General Purpose Unallocated Balance (including Reservations) after 9/2014 (if requests approved)	27,701,983	28,311,985
Special Purpose Appropriations - Agency Specific (after 2014 Session actions)		
Allocations/Transfers to Date	(12,591,574)	(12,591,574)
Unallocated Balance	36,315,245	36,315,245
# September 2014 Requests - Special Purpose Appropriations - Agency Specific		
10 Oregon Health Authority - Senior mental health program	(3,110,000)	(3,110,000)
20 Department of Human Services - Senior services	(267,400)	(267,400)
Total Requests - Special Purpose - Agency Specific	(3,377,400)	(3,377,400)
Special Purpose - Agency Specific - Unallocated Balance after 9/2014 (if requests approved)	32,937,845	32,937,845

Emergency Board materials for the September 2014 meeting are available at <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/201311/Committees/EB/2014-09-17-08-30/Agenda>

This summary is available on the Legislative Fiscal Office website at www.oregonlegislature.gov/lfo