

# Rural Oregon Investments

Rural Oregon Investments			Description	2015 Bill	Committee	Notes	Success Stories	Champions
Total (in Millions)	192							
Regional Solutions- <i>Rural Regions</i>	12	I	Each Regional Solutions region is to receive \$2 million to fund the regions' top priority projects. At the minimum, 6 of the 11 regions are identified as rural: North Coast, South Coast, Southern, South Central, Greater Eastern, and Northeast. Examples include: infrastructure to support economic development, entrepreneurship, workforce training, and local capacity.	SB 5525	Transportation and Economic Development	Expect a hearing the week of March 11th or 17th	Co-Investment Report has a great list of success stories	Sen. Johnson, Rep. Smith, Sen. Beyer
Special Public Works Fund Recapitalization (SPWF)- <i>Business Oregon</i>	28	I	SPWF is a loan program designed to help fund local infrastructure projects that are publicly owned.	SB 5525	Transportation and Economic Development	Expect a hearing the week of March 11th or 17th		
Connect Oregon- <i>ODOT</i>	29	I	A rough estimate assuming half of the Governor's \$58million would go to rural projects.	HB 2464				
Rural Infrastructure Opportunity Fund- <i>Business Oregon</i>	10	I	This fund will support public and private infrastructure tied to business expansion and recruitment in rural areas.	HB 2435	Rural Communities, Land Use & Water			
Natural Resource Transformative Technology Grant Program- <i>Business Oregon</i>	5	W/A	The program will fund projects or programs designed to develop innovative long-term opportunities for Oregon's natural resource industries.	HB 2434	Rural Communities, Land Use & Water then Ways & Means			
Water Resources Development	54.8	A	Water is essential for economic growth, environmental health, and the welfare of all Oregonians. With this funding, the state will work with communities across the state to identify, evaluate and develop water resources solutions to meet the needs of fish and agriculture.	HB 5005 HB 5030		To be part of Capital Construction consideration	Proposed Umatilla Water Project if completed	Sen. Hansell, Sen. Dembrow
Community Leverage Fund- <i>Rural Regions</i>	12	I	The Community Leverage Fund will build capacity in community partnerships to leverage public, private and civic resources in carrying out plans to improve outcomes in early learning, health, workforce and economic development that support Oregon's 40/40/20 educational goal.	SB 5024	Ways & Means	Money for the fund in the HECC budget		

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Improved Federal Forest Management- <i>ODF</i>	6	W	Grants to local forest collaboratives to increase agreement among diverse stakeholders on restoration projects that include fire resiliency, timber harvest, and local economic impacts. Use new federal authority for state as implementation partner to provide seasonal employees and contractors to implement treatments on federal forests.	HB 5019			Malheur National Forest and Ochoco Lumber, 10-year stewardship Contract, Wallawa Whitman NF Umatilla National Forest	
Biomass Leadership Plan- <i>ODF</i>	1.1	W	Advance woody biomass use to promote rural investment and forest health restoration. Provide technical and marketing capacity needed for forest biomass supply, processing, and production. Grant funds to catalyze private sector investments and facilities for woody biomass collection and production.	POP 152			Integrated Biomass Resources, Wallowa – Jobs and Business National Guard, Hermiston – Renewable Energy Permamatrix, Portland – Innovative Products	
Biomass- <i>ODOE</i>		W	ODOE proposing a change to the Biomass Tax Credit to be more focused on the production instead of collection which may create more opportunity of energy projects tied to woody biomass. Currently there is no 2015-2017 revenue impact.	HB 2449	Energy & Environment then Revenue	Expect a hearing the week of March 11th or 17th		
Working Rangelands and Sage Grouse Conservation- <i>ODF &amp; ODFW</i>	4.5	W	Advance a multi-agency plan through the Sage Grouse Conservation Partnership (SageCon) to reduce threats to sage grouse and strengthen working ranches. Supports rangeland fire protection associations, improving the resiliency of sagebrush habitat to wildfire, and controlling invasive grasses and juniper.	HB 2401	Rural Communities, Land Use & Water then Revenue	Informational hearing planned soon		
Working Forests and Farms Finance- <i>Cross Agency</i>	30	W/A	Productive, well-managed forests and farms strengthen rural economies and improve the environment. Demographic and economic changes make it harder to keep these lands working. New financing tools will increase the financial viability of private working lands, helping sustain productivity and ecological benefits.	SB 204	Environment & Natural Resources			