



2025-27 Legislative Session and Budget Overview

Board of Forestry

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Department of Forestry Legislation

- **HB 2817:** Eliminates the closure of forestland, due to fire danger, by permit closure
- **HB 2819:** Authorizes people who enforce fire protection laws to issue citations if there are reasonable grounds to believe violations have occurred
- **HB 494:** DAS to study classification and compensation of forestry and wildland fire positions
 - Addressing wage and management compression, identifying deficiencies in ODF
- **SB 1051:** Transfers the authority to appoint a State Forester from the State Board of Forestry to the Governor



HB 3349: Rangeland Fire Protection Associations

- Authorizes the State Forestry Department to address administrative hurdles related to transferring used motor vehicles and other equipment to use by the RFPA's
- Creates a fund for RFPA use



SB 83: Hazard Map Repeal

- Removes the Wildfire Hazard Map from statute
- Removes the Map's mandatory regulatory structures that enforced building codes and defensible space standards in high hazard areas
- Maintains the building code and defensible space codes as "model codes" for the possibility of local adoption

HB 3940: Wildfire Funding

The goal of the wildfire funding workgroup (Fire 35) and HB 3940 was to achieve long-term, durable funding for wildfire mitigation and response in Oregon

- **Mitigation Funding:** 20% of the interest from the Rainy-Day Fund (estimated \$29 M biennium) and a new “Zyn tax” (estimated \$14 M biennium).
- **Landowner Rates:** Policy changes - detachment of centralized administration costs from the local landowner assessments. HB 4133 (2024)
- **Rural Fire Protection Districts:** Allows RFPD’s to receive revenues for services they have been providing
- **Treasury Loans:** Establish loan ability with the Treasury to seek timely payments





SB 5006: Christmas Tree Bill

\$195 Million dollars in one time biennium funding for ODF's fire and mitigation programs

- \$24 million SPA for severity including aviation costs
- \$7 million for mitigation funding
- \$9 million for immediate landowner rate offsets
- \$4 million for wildfire cameras
- \$150 million SPA for natural disaster response



2025-27 Legislatively Adopted Budget

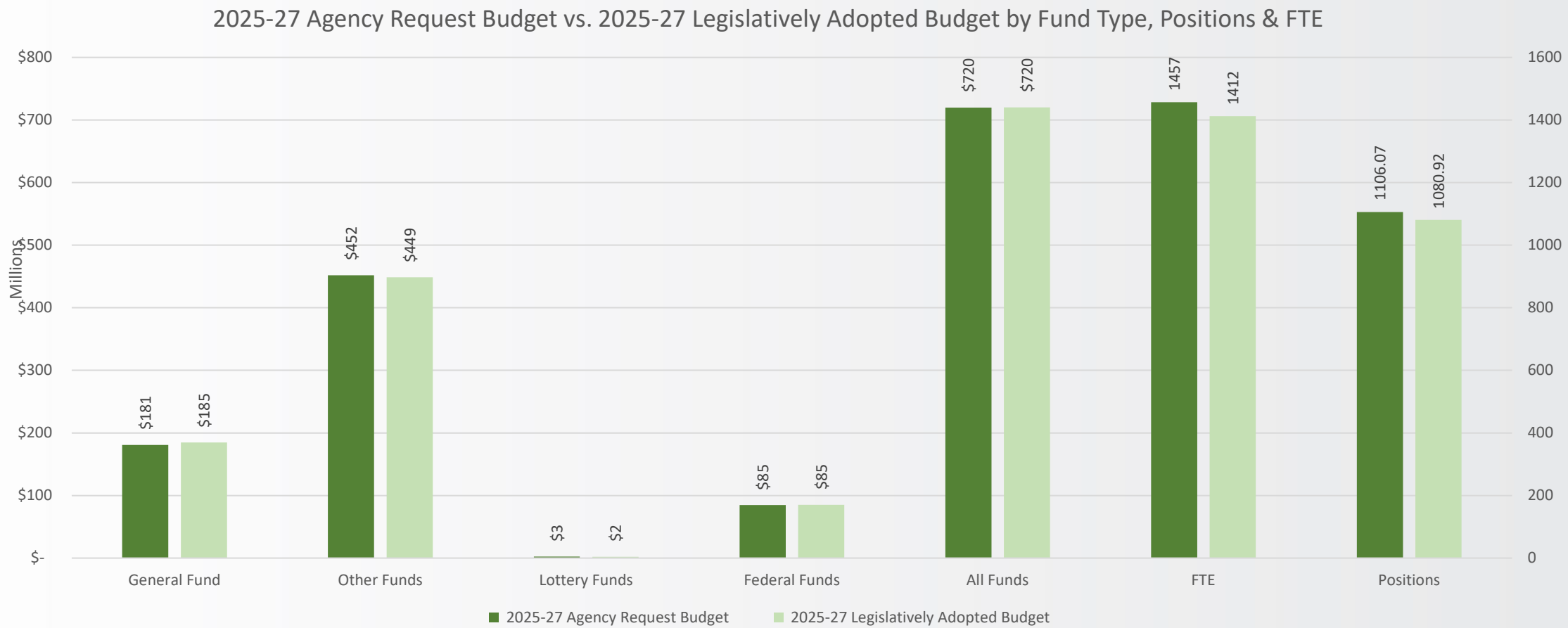
	2023-25 Legislatively Adopted Budget	2023-25 Legislatively Approved Budget	2025-27 Current Service Level	2025-27 Agency Request Budget	2025-27 Legislatively Adopted Budget
General Fund	\$167,803,283	\$454,383,937	\$157,480,636	\$143,454,641	\$184,563,975
Lottery Fund	\$2,557,080	\$2,557,080	\$2,558,120	\$2,558,120	\$1,986,913
Other Funds	\$361,175,877	\$691,938,735	\$390,788,707	\$389,381,357	\$448,516,737
Federal Funds	\$45,278,229	\$81,911,546	\$56,752,010	\$85,007,582	\$85,110,060
Total Funds	\$576,814,469	\$1,230,791,29	\$607,579,473	\$620,401,700	\$720,177,685
Positions	1,393	1,431	1,415	1,423	1,412
Full-Time Equivalent	1,056.02	1,075.02	1,085.24	1,074.23	1,080.92



2025-27 Legislatively Adopted Budget

Agency Request Budget v. Legislatively Adopted Budget

by Fund Type, Positions, & FTE





2025-27 Policy Option Packages

Legislatively Adopted Budget

			Amount & Fund Type					
Package Number	Program	Policy Enhancement Package	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	FTE
104	Agency Admin	Workforce Development	(\$24,743)	\$ 0	(\$19,995)	\$ 0	(\$44,738)	(0.25)
105	Forest Resources	Leveraging Federal Funds	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$28,000,000	\$28,000,000	0.00
106	Agency Admin	Workday Payroll Transfer to DAS	\$190,158	\$ 0	\$327,714	\$ 0	\$517,872	(2.00)
108	Capital Construction	Toledo Relocation Phase 3	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$6,000,000	\$ 0	\$6,000,000	0.00
109	Capital Construction	North Cascade Santiam Replacement	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$5,000,000	\$ 0	\$5,000,000	0.00
110	Capital Construction	Klamath Fire Cache Replacement	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$5,000,000	\$ 0	\$5,000,000	0.00
111	Capital Construction	State Foresters Building Restoration	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$1,500,000	\$ 0	\$1,500,000	0.00
112	Capital Construction	Western Lane Protection Facility Improvement	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$10,705,053	\$ 0	\$10,705,053	0.00
		Total Policy Option Packages	\$165,415	\$ 0	\$28,512,772	\$28,000,000	\$56,678,187	(2.25)



2025-27 Legislative Packages

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801 – SB 5521	Equipment Pool	Airplane Purchase	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$12,000,000	\$ 0	\$12,000,000	0.00
801 – SB 5521	Forest Resources	Adaptive Management	\$4,500,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$4,500,000	0.00
801 – SB 5521	Forest Resources	SFISH Small Forestland	\$2,000,000	\$ 0	\$7,700,000	\$ 0	\$9,700,000	0.00
801 – SB 5521	Forest Resources	OWEB Transfer	(\$500,000)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	(\$500,000)	0.00
802 – SB 5521	Fire Protection	Vacant Fire Position Reduction	(\$98,760)	\$ 0	\$(120,251)	\$ 0	(\$219,011)	(1.00)
804 – HB 5521	Agency Admin	Admin Position Rebalance	(\$892,520)	\$ 0	\$514,706	\$290,388	(\$87,426)	(1.07)
811 - HB 5006	Forest Resources	Landscape Resiliency	\$7,000,000	\$ 0	\$7,000,000	\$ 0	\$14,000,000	0.00
811 - HB 5006	Fire Protection	Landowner Rate Offset	\$1,500,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$1,500,000	0.00
811 - HB 5006	Fire Protection	Landowner Assessment Increases	\$7,500,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$7,500,000	0.00



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811 - HB 5006	Fire Protection	Wildfire Camera Purchasing	\$4,000,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$4,000,000	0.00
810 & 811 - HB 5006	Debt Service	Capital POPs	\$889,373	(\$571,207)	\$2,487,220	\$ 0	\$2,805,386	0.00
810 - HB 5506	Agencywide	SGSC & AG Adjustments	\$19,831	\$ 0	(\$1,366,417)	\$67,653	(\$1,278,924)	0.00
812 – HB 3349	Fire Protection	Rangeland Protection Association Fund	\$1,000,000	\$ 0	\$1,000,000	\$ 0	\$2,000,000	0.00
812 – HB 3940	Fire Protection	Revenue Changes	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.00
		Legislative Policy Packages at LAB	\$26,917,924	(\$571,207)	\$29,215,258	\$358,041	\$53,920,025	(2.07)



Questions?