

Agenda Item No.:	4
Work Plan	Administrative
Topic:	Legislative Concepts for 2019 Legislative Session
Presentation Title:	Legislative Concept Guiding Principles and Initial Ideas
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SUMMARY

This agenda item seeks Board input and direction on:

- Draft guiding principles that guide the development of legislative concepts and
- Initial ideas for agency-led legislative concepts for the 2019 legislative session

CONTEXT

Legislative concept development, a part of the Board's and Department's strategic planning cycle, begins in the fall of odd-numbered years. Agency-led legislative concepts may result in bills that will be introduced during the 2019 legislative session. The development of legislative concepts serve to act seek authority to advance Board and Department goals, objectives and priorities, or to address current barriers resulting from current or lack of existing statutes.

Development of legislative concepts is an iterative process that includes engagement with the Board, Department leadership, stakeholders and the Governor's Office. The 2019 legislative concepts will be due to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) and the Governor's Office by in April 2018. Review at the highest level of the Executive Branch generally focuses on alignment with statewide budget and policy considerations, and with the Governor's priorities.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Guiding principles for developing Legislative Concepts

The agency's executive team has utilized a set of principles to guide development of legislative concepts. These are submitted for the Board's consideration:

2019 legislative concept development will:

Seek input and ensure alignment. Key inputs for legislative concepts include alignment with other elements of the Board's and Department's strategic planning cycle, such as:

- Board and Department's strategic initiatives

- Board and Department work plans
- Governor's priorities
- Public input from periodic issue scans and other sources

Consider the political and economic environments. These factors may render some legislative concepts more viable, necessary or timely than others. This environment requires ongoing assessment as concepts are developed.

Consider feasibility / workload. The number and complexity of concepts should reflect the Department's capacity to engage in the necessary outreach and legislative interaction. Some concepts are relatively simple, non-controversial, and/or offer opportunities for housekeeping changes. Others are larger in scale, and may connect to or establish major statewide policy direction.

Initial Legislative Concepts for 2019 Legislative Session

The following list, presented for Board consideration and discussion, represents preliminary thinking about possible 2019 concepts.

Fire Protection Division

- None

State Forests Division

- None

Private Forests Division

- **Forest Products Harvest Tax Rate.** Historically, legislation has been introduced each session to set tax rates for Forest Practices Act administration, support of the Oregon State University (OSU) Forest Research Laboratory, and professional forestry education at the College of Forestry, OSU. For the Department of Forestry, when combined with public funds (General Fund), the bill maintains the concept of shared responsibility for the Forest Practices program delivery between the general public and program recipients.

Administrative Services Division

- None

RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends the Board review the proposed guiding principles and initial draft list of legislative concepts, and provide direction on desired changes.

NEXT STEPS

Based on guidance received through this agenda item, staff will continue developing concepts and return to the March Board meeting for additional direction.