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Summary of Emergency Board Action

April 2002

The Legislative Emergency Board met on April 18 & 19, 2002 to consider a total of 92 agenda items. The items included six requests for allocations from the General Purpose Emergency Fund and ten requests for General Fund set aside during the 2001 Legislative Session in special purpose appropriations. The Emergency Board approved allocations from the General Purpose Emergency Fund totaling \$2.15 million, leaving \$32.7 million remaining in the Fund. The Emergency Board also approved allocations totaling \$28.9 million from special purpose appropriations. This leaves \$109 million of special purpose appropriation money remaining, including \$100 million for state employee salary and benefit adjustments and \$9 million for other purposes. The Emergency Board also approved 34 requests to spend Other Funds or Federal Funds on various projects. The agenda included 13 reports and 19 requests for permission to submit Federal grant applications.

The largest request in dollar amount was to distribute the \$100 million set aside in a special purpose appropriation to fund state employee salary and benefit adjustments. The Emergency Board deferred this request until June 2002 to maintain maximum flexibility to address continuing General Fund revenue shortfalls. To allow more time for extensive discussion of other agenda items, the federal grant application requests and the reports were each considered en bloc.

The following is a summary of significant Emergency Board actions taken at the April 2002 meeting:

Human Services

- Allocated \$19.2 million from a special purpose appropriation for the continuing implementation of the Staley Settlement Agreement.
- Approved grant requests by the Department of Human Services - Health Services for \$14.2 million in Federal Funds for bioterrorism preparedness.
- Denied a request to change Medicaid reimbursements for long-term care services and community-based care services.

Education

- Approved an \$8 million capital project (including \$3.8 million General Fund and \$4.2 million Other Funds) at Oregon State University to expand the College of Veterinary Medicine into an independent, four-year program.
- Allocated a \$5 million special purpose appropriation to address Early Intervention and Early Childhood Special Education caseload growth.
- Deferred until June 2002 a \$2.4 million General Fund request to expand the Oregon PreKindergarten Program.

Public Safety

- Approved \$2.14 million of Other Funds capital construction expenditures to continue work preliminary to the construction of a new public safety training facility.

Administration

- Deferred until June 2002 action to allocate a \$100 million special purpose appropriation for funding 2001-03 state employee salary and benefit adjustments.
- Approved expenditure of \$5.8 million Other Funds for the state E-Government initiative.
- Allocated \$102,000 from the General Purpose Emergency Fund for Government Standards and Practices Commission legal costs.
- Denied a General Fund request by the Secretary of State for the 2001 Redistricting Plan.

Natural Resources

- Allocated \$200,000 from a special purpose appropriation for development of the Pesticide Use Reporting System.
- Denied allocation of \$3.5 million from the General Purpose Emergency Fund for

catastrophic fire insurance, and directed the premium be paid from the Oregon Forest Land Protection Fund instead.

- Allocated \$1.8 million from the General Purpose Emergency Fund for the state's share of forest fire protection costs.

Federal Grant Application Requests

- Approved the submission of nineteen federal grant application requests by various agencies, with the understanding that, if funds are

awarded, the agencies will return to the Emergency Board for expenditure limitation and position authority.

Agency Reports

- Acknowledged receipt of eleven reports from various agencies and deferred acknowledgement of two reports until future Emergency Board meetings.

Emergency Fund Balance Summary			
	Request	Action	Balance
General Purpose Emergency Fund			
Appropriation (HB 5014 adjusted by SB 5575)*			35,000,000
Allocations to date			(133,500)
Unallocated Balance			34,866,500
<i>* Includes Reservations of \$4,761,317</i>			
April 2002 Requests - General Purpose			
Secretary of State - centralized voter registration system (from Reservation)	(20,000)	Approved	(20,000)
Secretary of State - redistricting costs	(179,915)	Denied	-
Dept. of Forestry - Fire Protection program match	(1,779,152)	Approved	(1,779,152)
Dept. of Forestry - Oregon Forest Land Protection Fund insurance premium	(3,450,371)	Denied	-
Government Standards and Practices Comm. - attorney fees and AG expenses	(102,000)	Approved	(102,000)
Military Dept. - facility repair (armory roof)	(226,600)	Approved	(248,600)
Total April 2002 Requests - General Purpose	(5,758,038)		(2,149,752)
General Purpose Unallocated Balance			32,716,748
Special Purpose Emergency Fund			
Appropriations Total (adjusted by SB 5575 and HB 4035)**			140,616,237
Allocations to Date			(2,720,039)
Unallocated Balance			137,896,198
April 2002 Requests - Special Purpose			
Dept. of Education - Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education	(5,048,591)	Approved	(5,048,591)
Dept. of Education - Oregon PreKindergarten	(2,400,000)	Deferred	-
Dept. of Agriculture - Pesticide Use Reporting System	(535,764)	Modified	(200,000)
Columbia River Gorge Comm. - operations share related to county enforcement	(40,000)	Approved	(40,000)
Office of Energy - OMSI debt service	(491,000)	Approved	(491,000)
Land Use Board of Appeals - publications editor position continuation; 0.50 FTE	(37,433)	Approved	(37,433)
Dept. of Administrative Services - salary and benefit distribution	(100,000,000)	Deferred	-
Commission on Hispanic Affairs - second year budget; 0.50 FTE	(67,961)	Approved	(67,961)
Oregon University System - OSU veterinary school construction	(3,820,000)	Approved	(3,820,000)
Dept. of Human Services - second year funding for Staley implementation	(19,172,200)	Approved	(19,172,200)
Total April 2002 Requests - Special Purpose	(131,612,949)		(28,877,185)
Special Purpose Unallocated Balance			109,019,013
<i>** Includes \$100 million for salary and benefit adjustments.</i>			

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