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Summary of Emergency Board Action September 2001

The Legislative Emergency Board met on September 6 & 7, 2001. The Board's agenda consisted of 46 requests. Eight of the requests were for General Fund. The eight included five requests for funds set aside during the 2001 Legislative Session and three requests for funding out of the General Purpose Emergency Fund. The agenda also included another 26 funding requests for expenditure limitation increases or transfers, the submission of eight reports, and several requests for approval of federal grant applications.

The Board received an overview of the state's September 2001 Economic and Revenue Forecast. Notice of a \$212 million revenue reduction from the close of session forecast led the Board to defer action on most requests for Emergency Fund allocations until further information on the revenue situation becomes available.

The following is a summary of significant Emergency Board actions taken at the September 2001 meeting:

Human Services

- Deferred action on increasing the Federal Funds expenditure limitation for the Commission for the Blind for expansion of the Older Blind Program until November 2001.
- Increased expenditure limitations and authorized transfers of General Fund within the Department of Human Services to implement the Medicaid Upper Limit Payment (MUPL) mechanism.

Education

- Increased the Other Funds expenditure limitation for the Department of Education by \$1.8 million, Grant-in-Aid, and \$2.3 million, Operations, for distribution of funds from the School Technology Account.
- Deferred action on construction of an Integrated Services Building at Eastern Oregon University until November.
- Acknowledged receipt of a report from the Department of Higher Education on tuition increases with expressions of disapproval regarding the level of the increase.

Public Safety

- Increased the Federal Funds expenditure limitation for the Judicial Department by \$1.2 million for drug court programs in Malheur, Clackamas, and Marion counties.

- Increased the Federal Funds expenditure limitation for the Department of State Police by \$3.3 million for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program.

Economic and Community Development

- Increased the Federal Funds expenditure limitation for the Employment Department by \$1.4 million for a pilot Unemployment Insurance Claimant Reemployment project.
- Approved the revised Master Plan for the Oregon State Fair and Exposition Center.
- Increased the Other Funds expenditure limitation for the Housing and Community Services Department by \$3 million for predevelopment loans.

Natural Resources

- Allocated \$410,000 from a special purpose appropriation for the Department of Forestry for rapid response to severe forest fire situations.
- Allocated \$1.1 million from a special purpose appropriation for the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board for completion of assessment and monitoring grants approved in the 1999-01 biennium.
- Authorized the Department of Agriculture to apply for \$3.7 million in Federal Funds for assistance to producers of specialty agricultural crops and

directed the agency to return to the Board with a spending plan.

Transportation

- Increased the Other Funds expenditure limitation for the Department of Transportation by \$275,000 for implementation of HB 3071 (2001) with respect to requiring increased referrals of drivers at risk due to cognitive or functional impairments.
- Approved rescheduling of \$158,000 Other Funds expenditure limitation for the Department of Transportation's Aggregate Resource Manager position.

Administration

- Deferred action on the allocation of \$218,000 for the Post-Secondary Education Opportunity Commission in the Office of the Governor.

- Deferred action on the allocation of \$2 million for development of an Oregon Centralized Voter Registration System through the Secretary of State.
- Deferred action on the allocation of \$250,000 for an audit of the Deschutes County Delinquent Youth Demonstration Project by the Secretary of State.
- Deferred action on the allocation of \$75,501 for a permanent position in the Elections Division of the Secretary of State.
- Acknowledged receipt of a report from the Department of Administrative Services on compensation plan changes.

Emergency Fund Balance Summary

	<u>Request</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Balance</u>
General Purpose Emergency Fund			
Appropriation Total (HB 5014)*			40,000,000
Allocations to Date			-
Unallocated Balance			40,000,000
<i>* Includes Reservation of \$980,000</i>			
September 2001 Requests - General Purpose			
Secretary of State - audit county juvenile departments	(250,000)	Deferred	-
Secretary of State - Elections Division position (from reservation)	(75,501)	Deferred	-
Military Department - road construction at Salem Armed Forces Reserve Center	(131,060)	**	-
Military Department - Armory repair/generator at Central Oregon Training Facility	(409,893)	**	-
Total September 2001 Requests - General Purpose	(866,454)		-
<i>** Agency directed to use Other Funds</i>			
General Purpose Unallocated Balance			40,000,000
Special Purpose Emergency Fund			
Appropriations Total***			185,860,033
Allocations to Date			-
Unallocated Balance			185,860,033
September 2001 Requests - Special Purpose			
Office of the Governor - Post Secondary Education Opportunity Commission	(218,000)	Deferred	-
Secretary of State - Voter registration system	(2,000,000)	Deferred	-
Forestry Department - Fire severity and emergency response	(410,000)	Approved	(410,000)
Watershed Enhancement Board - Use 1999-01 disappropriation for grants/projects	(1,126,788)	Approved	(1,126,788)
Total September Requests - Special Purpose	(3,754,788)		(1,536,788)
Special Purpose Unallocated Balance			184,323,245
<i>*** Includes \$100 million for salary and benefit adjustments.</i>			

Complete minutes of Emergency Board meetings are available on the Legislative Fiscal Office web site:
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