# Item F: Agency Budget Updates

Environmental Quality Commission Meeting Dec. 2, 2025



### Agenda

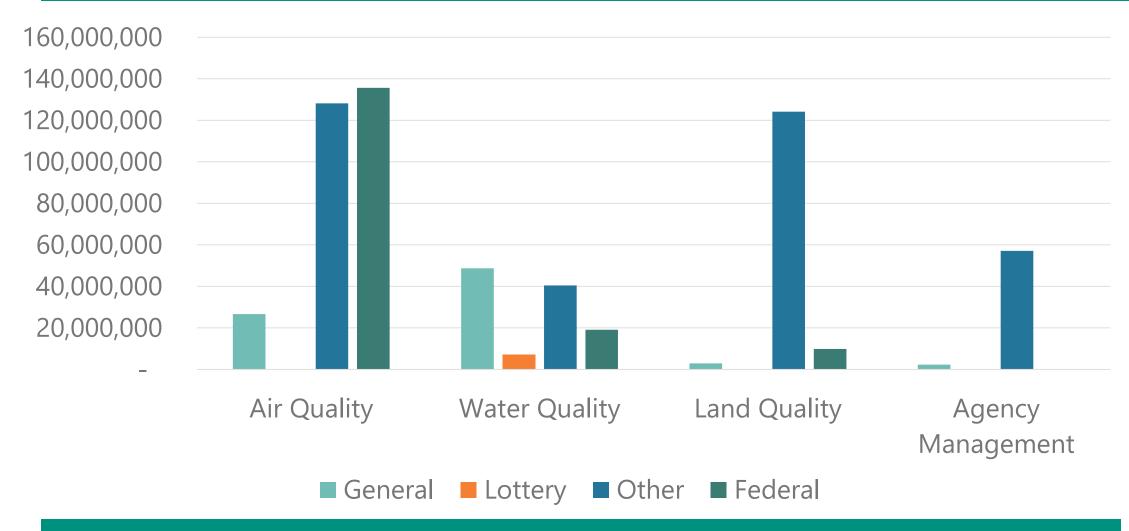


2025-2027 Rebalance Efforts

2027-2029 Agency Request Budget



# 2025-2027 Legislatively Adopted Budget





### Key Outcomes

Avoided General Fund Reductions

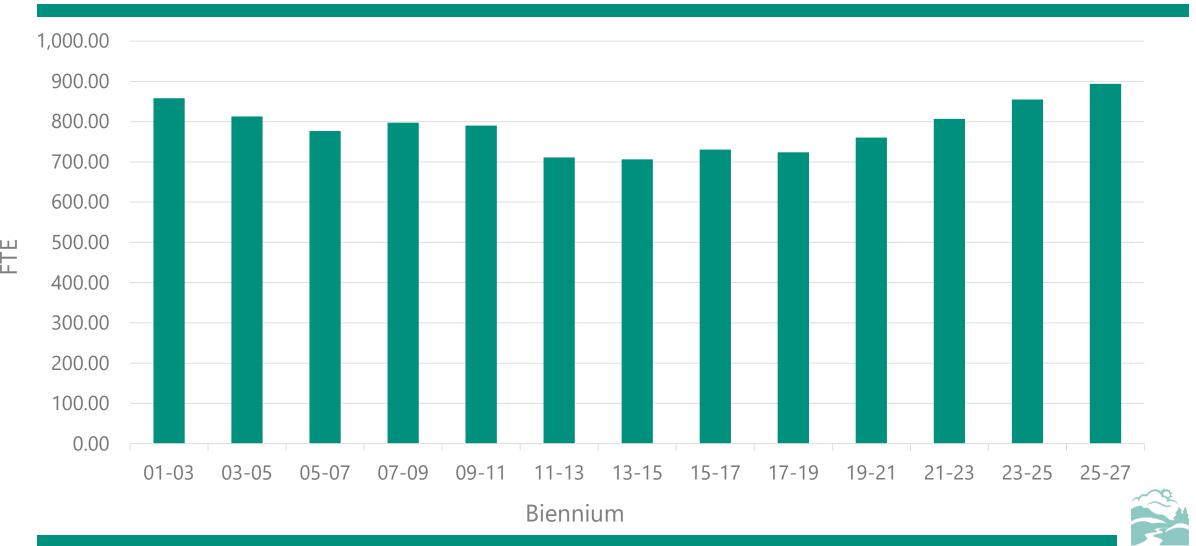
Restored Federal-Funded Water Quality Positions

Stabilized Key Fee-Funded Programs

New Positions for Enforcement, Cleaner Air Oregon, Materials Management, Climate Protection Program



# DEQ Capacity Over Time



#### 25-27 Rebalance Efforts

May '25 Revenue Forecast Legislatively Adopted Budgets

Aug '25 Revenue Forecast 5% Reductions Analysis

(Due Nov. 3)

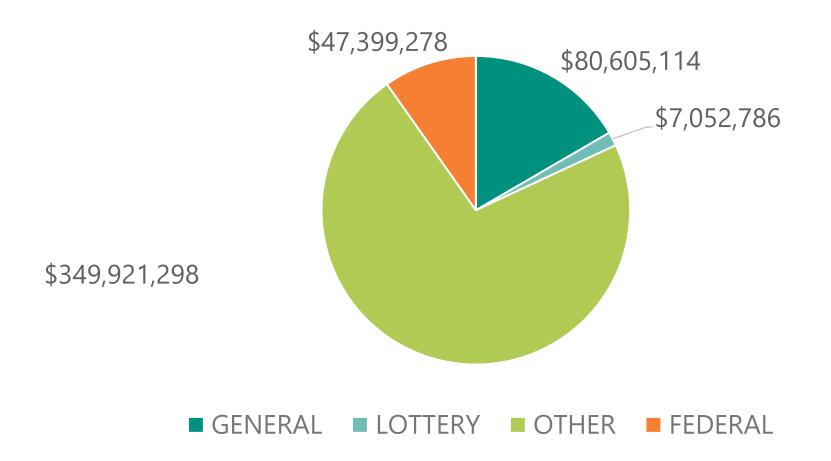
Agencies Testify on Reduction Analysis

(Nov. 17-19)

2026 Legislative Session



# 25-27 LAB by Fund Type



Fund Type	5% Reduction Target
General	\$4,030,256
Lottery	\$352,539



<sup>\*</sup>Excludes CPRG FF Limitation, and Non-Limited

#### Criteria

Minimize impacts to operations and service delivery

Minimize impacts to filled positions

Avoid impacts to new business permitting

Make progress on legislative mandates



#### **Process**

Step 1

Identify vacancy savings accrued or anticipated

Step 2

 Identify options and impacts of delayed hiring of new and vacant positions

Step 3

Apply criteria to 25-27 10% Reduction Options



#### Impacts of 5% Reductions

- Initial 2.5% options are compromised of vacancy savings
- Second 2.5% options are a mix of vacancy savings, and filled positions (9 filled positions)
  - Stalled progress tackling emerging environmental issues (wildfire and toxics monitoring, harmful algal blooms, groundwater contamination)
- DEQ's laboratory heavily impacted
- Filled positions at DEQ identified in other agency Reduction Options



## Programmatic Impacts and Maintaining Services

# Air Quality Monitoring

- Wildfire smoke
- Air toxics
- Compliance with Federal Airshed Standards (maintained)

#### Harmful Algal Blooms

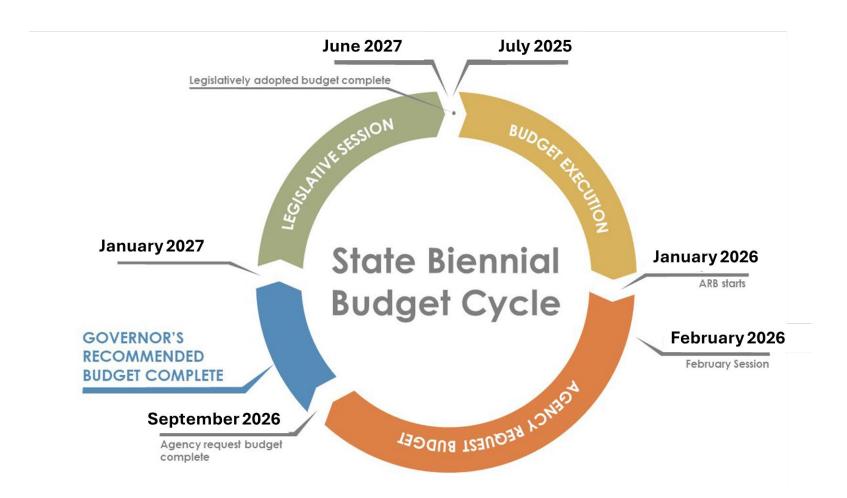
- Recreational water monitoring and advisories
- Drinking water protection (maintained)

# Groundwater Protection

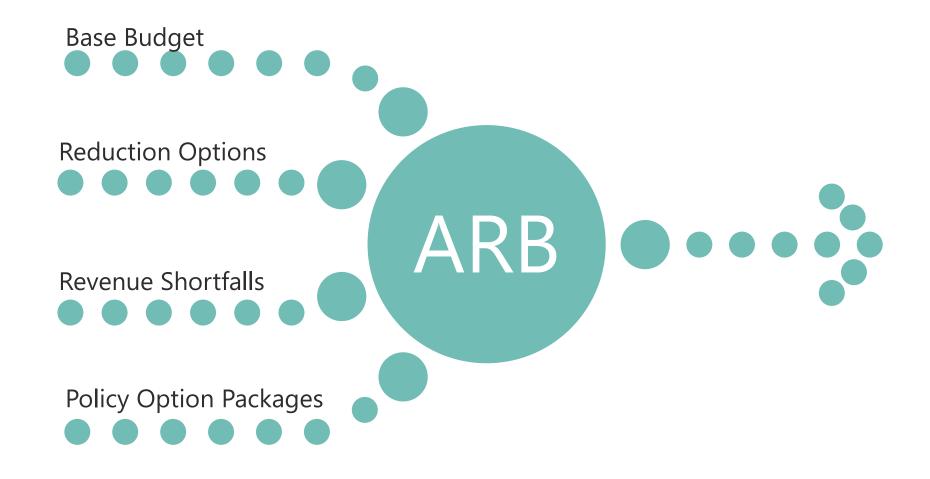
- Place-based planning
- Permitting (maintained)



#### 2027-2029 Agency Request Budget Development



#### **ARB Elements**



#### Priorities and Considerations







DELIVER ON EXISTING WORK AND MANDATES



SUPPORT GOVERNOR KOTEK'S PRIORITIES AND INITIATIVES



ALIGNMENT WITH DEQ STRATEGIC PLAN



## Agency Request Budget – Next Steps

Engage Communities Identify Prioritize and EQC Submit to the Internal Update EQC and Needs Review Finalize Certification Governor Interested **Parties** 

## Questions?



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