

**Secretary of State  
Help America Vote Act Report**

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The General Government Subcommittee recommends the Joint Committee on Ways and Means acknowledge receipt of a report on the use of Federal Funds received under the Help America Vote Act.

The Joint Committee on Ways and Means approved a budget note last session, that asked the Secretary to report on the use of federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) monies, and on Elections Division plans to address the upcoming exhaustion of these monies. The federal government provided funds to help address HAVA implementation costs, but these funds are running out, and no additional monies are expected. The agency's budget currently authorizes \$7 million of HAVA fund expenditures in 2013-15, and projects that no more than \$2.3 million will remain at the end of the biennium.

The Secretary re-evaluated HAVA spending priorities, and approved major program changes. Current biennium expenditures were reduced to \$4 million – a \$3 million decline (or 43%) from the budgeted level. With this reduction, the Secretary now projects that sufficient Federal Funds will be available to support ongoing program costs through the entire 2015-17 biennium, and to support a \$4.3 million Oregon Centralized Voter Registration (OCVR) system upgrade. The spending reductions were achieved by eliminating a planned upgrade of county election tabulation systems.

The Subcommittee also recommended that the agency's Federal Funds expenditure limitation be reduced by \$2.7 million in the budget reconciliation bill, to revise the limit to more closely align with the reported expenditure plans. The General Government Subcommittee recommends approval of the request.