

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**Department of State Police
DNA Capacity Enhancement**

On May 7th, the Public Safety Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of State Police to the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$1,104,843 from the DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction Program.

This grant program provides resources to publicly-funded forensic DNA laboratories to help them process DNA samples more quickly. The grant pays for a wide variety of resources, including laboratory renovations. The State Police would use the grant, if awarded, to renovate its Clackamas forensic lab to improve the efficiency of the DNA scientists working there. If used for laboratory renovations, grant funds require a 25% local match.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval.