

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Item 41: Department of Consumer and Business Services OSHA Federal Grant**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee  
Carrier: Representative Gomberg

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The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Labor for federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) grant funds through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act 2021.

The grant program is specifically for funding activities related to COVID-19, which may include, but are not limited to issuing COVID-19 guidance or standards, handling COVID-19 enforcement and inspections, conducting outreach and training, testing of compliance safety and health officers (CSHOs), and buying personal protective equipment (PPE) for staff. Paying the Bureau of Labor and Industries for investigations of COVID-19-related whistleblower complaints and paying litigation costs from the Department of Justice for COVID-19-related formal appeals will also be included as part of these activities.

On August 5, 2021, DCBS was awarded \$2,900,000 in federal grant funds to be used October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2023. A corresponding Federal Funds limitation increase will be deferred to the 2022 Legislative Session.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.