

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 6: Public Defense Services Commission Information Technology Contract Extension and Report

To: Emergency Board Full Committee
From: General Government Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Steiner Hayward

The General Government Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board allocate, on a one-time basis, \$413,011 General Fund to the Public Defense Services Commission, Administrative Services Division, for a one fiscal year contract extension with the Oregon Judicial Department for information technology support.

PDSC's Information Technology Section was disbanded administratively by the agency in December of 2019. The Legislature in 2021, as part of an overall reorganization of PDSC, provided \$1.1 million of General Fund and four permanent full-time positions to reestablish the Information Technology Section. The Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means in January of 2022 deferred a PDSC request for an information technology contract extension with OJD to the June 2022 meeting of the Emergency Board with instruction that the Commission report back with a comprehensive information technology services plan.

The agency's report recommends that PDSC continue a contract with OJD to outsource information technology services but insource the development of the Financial and Case Management information technology project. Given the vendor's recommendations, the Legislature will need to re-evaluate its investment in PDSC's Information Technology Section in the 2023 session.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.