

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 51: Department of Forestry Federal Forest Restoration

To: Emergency Board Full Committee
From: Education Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Findley

The Education Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board increase the Other Funds expenditure limitation for the Department of Forestry by \$3,000,000, for the expenditure revenues resultant from federal forest restoration work under Good Neighbor Authority agreements.

The Oregon Department of Forestry provides a variety of services related to commercial and non-commercial federal forest thinning and forest health projects under 31 active Good Neighbor Authority agreements. Revenues generated from commercial projects are shared with the Department of Forestry under the agreements and can be used to fund the costs of the department under the agreements. Current federal revenue shares are just over \$2.5 million and are expected to continue to increase through the end of the biennium. The additional expenditure authority will allow the program to expand the scope and scale of restoration activities using the increased federal revenue shares.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.