

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 59: Department of Transportation IJA Resourcing

To: Emergency Board Full Committee
From: Human Services Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Manning

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board increase expenditure limitation for the Oregon Department of Transportation by \$416,666,790 Other Funds, increase Federal Funds expenditure by \$92,800,000, and establish 72 permanent positions (27.94 FTE) and four limited duration positions (1.83 FTE), for administration of additional transportation funding under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act federal transportation funding authorization and for rail crossing safety improvements.

\$10.1 million of this recommendation is for rail crossing safety improvements, from special one-time funding approved by Congress in 2019. The remainder of the recommended expenditure limitation is due to the funds ODOT is receiving from Congress for its next congressional funding allocation. This allocation is an increase of more than 30%. New positions and expenditure limitation are needed to deploy those resources to projects in a timely way. ODOT will use the State Transportation Improvement Plan process to program the majority of the funding. This limitation and the permanent positions will be included in the agency's base budget for purposes of 2023-25 budget development, allowing ODOT to incorporate cashflow needs and approval timelines associated with the State Transportation Improvement Plan.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.