

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 47: Department of Forestry Federal Grant Award Limitation

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

The Education Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board increase the Federal Funds expenditure limitation for the Department of Forestry by \$1,115,923, for the expenditure of federal grant awards for Topographical Data and Habitat Conservation Plan Development.

The increase in Federal Funds expenditure limitation is to accommodate two individual grant awards. The first of these is \$365,923 for the collection of high-quality lidar data. The Department of Forestry received permission to apply for this U.S. Geological Survey funding during the 2022 Legislative Session. Non-federal matching funds requirements are satisfied using in-kind costs of existing lidar data collection activities.

The second grant of \$750,000 is resultant from an application for funding by the Department of Fish and Wildlife under the Conservation Planning Assistance Grants program of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Department of Forestry was a sub-applicant. Grant funds will be used for the continued development of the Environmental Impact Statement and stakeholder engagement. The 25% non-federal matching funds requirement will be satisfied using existing budgetary resources.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.