

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 31: Department of Emergency Management City of Echo Flood Damage

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

The General Government Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board allocate \$2,000,000 General Fund from the special purpose appropriation made to the Emergency Board for the state’s natural disaster prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery activities, to the Department of Emergency Management, for deposit into the Oregon Local Disaster Assistance Loan and Grant Account; and increase Other Funds expenditure limitation by \$2,000,000 for the purpose of providing a grant to the City of Echo for flood damage mitigation efforts.

Repeated flooding events of the Umatilla River in the past two years have caused the river to alter its course and increased erosion that threatens homes, roads, and bridges in the area. The most recent flood damage did not meet a federal disaster declaration threshold. Local government has worked with state and federal partners to develop an immediate stabilization plan for three areas of the river to mitigate the impacts of flooding at an estimated cost of \$2 million.

The Oregon Local Disaster Assistance Loan and Grant Account was established to provide funding for disaster recovery for eligible local governments for disaster recovery events that do not meet federal declaration thresholds. This stabilization project is not expected to be fully completed by the end of the current biennium. By depositing the funds into the account, the Department and Echo may expend monies on this project beyond June 30, 2023. An Other Funds expenditure limitation is provided for the Department to disburse the funds out of the account.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.