

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 58: Oregon Department of Energy Grid Resilience

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

The Education Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board approve the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Energy in the amount of \$9,962,272 to prevent outages and enhance the resilience of the electric grid, allocate \$200,000 General Fund from the Emergency Fund to the Oregon Department of Energy, and authorize the establishment of one limited duration position (0.38 FTE).

This federal formula grant opportunity represents the first year of a five-year program with an annual application cycle. The department anticipates approximately \$50 million that will largely be passed through to electric utilities as subrecipients during the five-year program. An allocation of \$200,000 from the Emergency Fund will support the establishment of a limited duration position for program development, as well as consultant costs to address community outreach. The grant has a 15% match requirement which must be committed prior to application. The General Fund allocation and any state funds spent on the effort will count towards this requirement.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.