

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Item 79: Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Wild Cervid Wasting Disease Management**

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

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The Education Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the amount of \$372,434 for response to wild cervid chronic wasting disease, and increase Federal Funds expenditure limitation by \$277,000 for grant expenditures by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife in the 2021-23 biennium.

Chronic wasting disease is an infectious, lethal, degenerative brain disease impacting animals such as elk, deer, and antelope. ODFW will utilize the federal grant funds awarded by USDA in August 2022 for further development and implementation of CWD surveillance, testing, management and response activities, including evaluation of techniques and strategies to prevent CWD in the wild.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.