

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Item 62: Department of Environmental Quality Permitting Staff for Industrial Expansion**

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To:           Emergency Board Full Committee  
From:        Education Subcommittee  
Carrier:      Representative McLain

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The Education Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board increase Other Funds expenditure limitation by \$357,204 for the Department of Environmental Quality and authorize the establishment of four limited duration, full-time positions (1.26 FTE) for permitting program needs in the 2021-23 biennium.

The Oregon Semiconductor Competitiveness Task Force recommended additional resources for DEQ to better implement its regulatory programs. The establishment of four limited duration positions in the Air Contaminant Discharge Permit program supports the Department's staffing needs this biennium and allows for stakeholder engagement during the development of next biennium's budget. The use of available Other Funds revenue from the program's permitting fees for this purpose aligns with the Department's current funding model.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.