

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 72: Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Good Neighbor Authority Program

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

The Education Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the Bureau of Land Management in the amount of \$6,551,330 for forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration work, and increase Federal Funds expenditure limitation by \$510,000 for grant expenditures by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife in 2021-23.

The Good Neighbor Authority Program allows the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to authorize states and local governments to conduct projects on federal lands in pursuit of specified land management goals. This grant opportunity was awarded in July 2022, without a match requirement, and is made possible by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Grant activities focus on restoration projects to increase habitat complexity and resiliency, reduction of threats related to climate change, and the removal of barriers for migrating fish and wildlife.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.