

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 71: Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife PFA Mitigation Subaccount

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

The Education Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board increase Other Funds expenditure limitation by \$2,000,000 for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to expend funds from the Private Forest Accord Mitigation Subaccount for eligible purposes.

The Subaccount was created by SB 1501 in the 2022 legislative session to support conservation actions that offset the impacts of forest practices on select aquatic species. The bill provided an initial investment of \$10 million General Fund, with the expectation that ODFW would return to the Legislature to request expenditure limitation once the grant program was sufficiently established and a grant solicitation was scheduled. This \$2 million increase in expenditure limitation will predominantly support habitat conservation projects designed to benefit native fish and amphibians.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.