

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 38: Department of Forestry 2022 Fire Season

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

The Education Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board acknowledge the receipt of a report on the 2022 fire season from the Department of Forestry, including a preliminary report of losses on private lands of timber, buildings, fencing, livestock, and grazing land capacity if the land is expected to be unavailable for two or more grazing seasons; allocate \$5,988,093 General Fund from the special purpose appropriation made to the Emergency Board for the state's portion of 2022 fire season severity resources cost; allocate \$8,788,683 General Fund from the special purpose appropriation made to the Emergency Board for the state's natural disaster prevention, preparedness, response and recovery activities, for the state's portion of net large-fire costs for the 2022 fire season; and increase the Other Funds expenditure limitation by \$24,999,724 for the Department of Forestry to enable processing of payments and cost of operations from the 2022 fire season.

Gross fire costs for the 2022 season are reported at \$35 million. After subtracting anticipated federal agency cost reimbursements of \$16.3 million, and local fire district cost-shares of \$1.5 million, net emergency fire costs to the state are \$16.3 million. In addition to this amount, the net cost of severity resources totaled \$8.9 million. The recommended funding provides for the General Fund portion of these costs and Other Funds expenditure limitation to process payments from other state and federal sources.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.