

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 39: Department of Forestry Forest Restoration Byproduct Commercialization

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

The Education Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board increase Federal Funds expenditure limitation for the Oregon Department of Forestry by \$810,094 for the anticipated current biennium expenditure of awarded grant funds from the Economic Development Administration for forest restoration byproduct commercialization.

Federal funding of \$3,240,378 was awarded to the agency under the Build Back Better grant program from the U.S. Economic Development Administration in conjunction with a consortium of partners known as the Oregon Mass Timber Coalition.

The grant award will be used over the next two years to accelerate the pace of federal forest restoration work, providing material for mass timber manufacturing through the planning and implementation of forest restoration projects. Additionally, funding will be used for contractual services to track and trace products through the forest products supply chain, and to provide communication and public outreach. The additional expenditure limitation covers planned project expenditures through the end of the 2021-23 biennium.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.