

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 41: Department of Land Conservation and Development Coastal Zone Management Capacity Building

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

The Education Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, in the amount of up to \$450,000, and authorize the establishment of one limited duration full-time position within the Department of Land Conservation and Development.

Grant funding is provided through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Coastal Zone Management Habitat Protection and Restoration Capacity Building Non-Competitive Cooperative Agreements under the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Funding will be used to hire a new position that will help to create, develop, and manage the Oregon Coastal Habitat Conservation and Restoration Program. This position will work with local jurisdictions, state agencies, tribes, and community organizations to access federal funding for projects that conserve or restore coastal natural habitats and build coastal resiliency.

The deadline for this grant application was August 4, 2022. DLCD did not provide notification before applying for the grant. Going forward, the Department is expected to adhere to the interim legislative process for federal grant applications as outlined for all state agencies. DLCD was notified on October 25 that they were awarded this funding.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.