

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Item 33: Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Culvert Projects with ODOT**

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To:	Emergency Board Full Committee
From:	Education Subcommittee
Carrier:	Rep. McLain

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The Education Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board approve the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation, National Culvert Removal, Replacement and Restoration program, in the amount of \$51.7 million for culvert projects to improve fish passage.

The Department has worked in partnership with the Oregon Department of Transportation, Josephine County, and the Oregon Wildlife Foundation to identify 11 culverts on state and county roads that are in critical need of repair. ODFW will serve as the lead applicant and pass funds through to ODOT and Josephine county. There is a 20% match requirement, totaling approximately \$13 million. ODOT will provide approximately \$11 million and Josephine County will provide the remaining balance. No additional staffing is needed. Grant applications are due in February 2023, and grant announcements are anticipated in the second half of the year with a four-year period of performance. If awarded, the Department will return to the legislature to request Federal Funds expenditure limitation.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.