

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Item 29: Department of State Lands South Slough Capacity Building**

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

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The Education Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application in the amount of \$300,000 to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and increase Federal Funds expenditure limitation by \$100,000 for the Department of State Lands, South Slough National Estuarian Research Reserve, for capacity building activities.

Capacity building funding supports the ability of the South Slough Reserve to plan for and develop habitat conservation and restoration project proposals as prerequisite work to apply for additional project implementation grant funding. The funding will be used over the next three years in partnership with the Wild River Lands Trust to do planning and due diligence work on two possible land acquisition projects that are adjacent to the South Slough Reserve to allow for future habitat and wetland restoration projects. The additional requested expenditure limitation is for anticipated expenses for the first year of the project. There are no state matching funds required.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.