

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Parks and Recreation Department BLM Cultural Heritage and Paleontology Resource Management Program

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Anderson

On March 22, the Natural Resources Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Parks and Recreation Department to the U.S. Bureau of Land Management in the amount of \$260,000 for Cultural Heritage and Paleontology Resource Management activities.

The federal program funds partnerships that collaboratively encourage the public to learn about and engage with heritage resources in Oregon and Washington. There are several goals related to protecting and preserving cultural heritage sites and collections, and also increasing educational opportunities.

The Parks and Recreation Department intends to use grant funding, if awarded, to support an archaeologist position that will serve as a liaison between the agency, the Bureau of Land Management, and the U.S. Forest Service on cultural resource protection projects and coordination of agreements between the state and federal partners on the treatment of historic resources. The federal grant funding does not require state matching funds. The agency intends on using the entire grant award to fund the personal services cost of the position over the 36-month grant period and to use existing budgetary authority to pay for ancillary position costs totaling approximately \$4,660 per year.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.