

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 17: Department of Emergency Management Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Education Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative McLain

The Education Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means approve a request from the Oregon Department of Emergency Management to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$7.6 million for a State and Local Cybersecurity Program grant.

This is a formula grant through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and is designed to support states, local governments, and rural areas to address cybersecurity risks and threats to information systems. This is the second round of funding available after the ODEM successfully applied for funds in 2022. The grant requires that 80% of awarded funds support local entities and 15% support state-level projects. The remaining 5% will be retained by the Department for administration.

The newly created Cybersecurity Center of Excellence will partner with the ODEM and the Department of Administrative Services to develop a process for reviewing project and funding proposals. There is a 20% state match requirement, which can be cash or in-kind contributions. How the match will be addressed is currently indeterminate and will depend on selected projects and available resources at both the state and local level. If the grant is awarded, ODEM is expected to return to the Legislature to request General Fund to meet its share of the match requirement.

The Education Subcommittee recommends approval.