

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Item 27: Department of Energy Solar for All**

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

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The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means approve the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the amount of at least \$100 million over five years to improve accessibility to solar technology for low-income households and disadvantaged communities.

The EPA anticipates awarding \$7 billion to expand access to affordable, resilient, and clean energy for millions of households. Awards will range from \$25 to \$400 million, with no match requirement. The Oregon Department of Energy will act as the primary applicant for a coalition that includes the Energy Trust of Oregon and the Bonneville Environmental Foundation. The planned grant application amount has been clarified to total \$138 million and the application deadline was recently extended to October 12th. Funding will support solar rebates for single and multi-family residences, subgrants to coalition partners for community solar projects, and related workforce development activities.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.