

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 22: Department of Agriculture Agricultural Irrigation Practices

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

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in the amount of \$283,000 to advance the non-point source water quality strategy within the Lower Umatilla Basin Groundwater Management Area.

The grant will provide funding for projects focused on development of interactive websites and maps for data collection and dissemination related to agricultural irrigation practices. The Department will also use the grant funding to develop a nitrogen utilization and leaching potential study on irrigated lands.

The grant requires a 50% in kind match, which the Department will meet through current resources. The grant was announced on August 7th and the application deadline was October 17th, and the Department provided 10-day notification of their intent to apply on September 29th.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.