

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 38: Oregon Business Development Department Emerging Contaminants

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Hansell

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means recommend including an increase of \$165,205 in the Other Funds expenditure limitation and authorizing the establishment of one full-time permanent position (0.63 FTE) for the Oregon Business Development Department, in a budget reconciliation bill during the 2024 legislative session, to assist communities in accessing funds to address drinking water system contaminants.

Federal funding was granted to the Oregon Health Authority for safe drinking water infrastructure. The Health Authority will transfer a total of \$8.8 million in funding to the Department this year, and further funds are expected over the course of the next four years. The recommendation allows for the creation of a project manager, which will administer between 10 and 20 water system improvement contracts with local entities per year.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends approval.