

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Item 55: Water Resources Department Dam Rehabilitation**

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

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The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means recommend including an increase of \$1.3 million in the Federal Funds expenditure limitation for the Water Resources Department in a budget reconciliation bill during the 2024 legislative session for implementing the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dams grant.

The awarded grant is an annual funding opportunity sought by the Water Resources Department to rehabilitate dams that pose a high risk to people and property upon failure. The agency was awarded more than anticipated due to an infusion from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and seeks additional expenditure limitation for rehabilitation of two state regulated dams. These include the Wallowa Lake Dam and the Big Creek Dam #2 in Newport. The Department intends to distribute the funding for these projects under a subrecipient agreement with the dam owners. The state match is committed by the dam owners and no additional funds or positions are necessary to implement the grant.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.