

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 74: State Library of Oregon Digital Documents

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: General Government Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Gomberg

The General Government Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means recommend including an increase of \$200,000 in Other Funds expenditure limitation and authorizing the establishment of one limited duration full-time State Library Specialist 2 position for the State Library in a budget reconciliation bill during the 2024 legislative session to digitize and catalog federal publications and support the migration to a new software program to provide public access to digital Oregon government publications

Since its designation as a Federal Depository Library in the early 1900s, most federal government publications brought into the State Library have not been digitized and added to the digital catalog. The State Library requested a full-time limited duration State Library Specialist 2 position to take inventory and begin reducing the backlog. This position is expected to cost of \$110,000. In addition, the open-source software that the State Library currently uses to provide public access to digital Oregon government publications will be discontinued in April 2024. The cost for replacement software for the current biennium is \$90,000. This amount includes a one-time cost of \$27,000 for migrating to this new service and a \$63,000 subscription cost.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends approval.