

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 51: Department of Environmental Quality Information Technology Services

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Pham

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means recommend including an increase of \$259,000 in Other Funds expenditure limitation for completion of the “Your DEQ Online” project, and an increase of \$750,000 in Other Funds expenditure limitation to continue migration to the State Data Center in a budget reconciliation bill during the 2024 legislative session.

The Department of Environment Quality had planned to complete the implementation of its new data management system during the 2021-23 biennium; however, the schedule has extended into the current biennium. An increase of \$259,000 in Other Funds expenditure limitation will allow DEQ to use the project’s remaining bond proceeds and complete the project. An additional \$750,000 in Other Funds expenditure limitation supported by revenue from DEQ’s indirect rate assessment will fund the agency’s continued transition of data storage and network management to the State Data Center.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.