

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 56: Water Resources Department Strengthening Dam Safety

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

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means recommend including an increase of \$152,244 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 National Dam Safety Program grant.

The awarded grant is an annual funding opportunity sought by the Water Resources Department to provide financial assistance to states for strengthening their dam safety programs. The request for additional expenditure limitation results from the agency receiving a higher award than anticipated in its current budget. The federal revenue may be used for various dam safety activities, including personnel training, increased dam inspections, emergency action plans, and public outreach.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.