

ANALYSIS

Item 34: Oregon Military Department Rees Training Center Range

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Request: Establish Federal Funds Capital Construction expenditure limitation of \$1,550,000 for the Oregon Military Department to design and construct a 10-lane Combat Pistol Qualification Course at Rees Training Center.

Analysis: The Oregon Military Department (OMD) has received additional federal funding from the National Guard Bureau for the federal fiscal year to repair the existing Combat Pistol Qualification Course (CPQC) at Rees Training Center in Umatilla. The funding will be used to repair or replace the existing target mechanisms at the firing range and bring the range up to current Army requirements.

The CPQC project estimated cost of \$1,550,000 is 100% federally funded and no state match is required.

Recommendation: The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends that the Emergency Board establish a Federal Funds Capital Construction expenditure limitation of \$1,550,000 for the Oregon Military Department for the Rees Training Center Combat Pistol Qualification Course.

Request: Establish Capital Construction Federal Funds expenditure limitation of \$1.6 million for a 10-lane combat pistol qualification course at the Rees Training Center.

Recommendation: Approve the request.

Discussion: The Oregon Military Department (OMD) is able to receive National Guard Bureau (NGB) Federal Funds to repair the existing Combat Pistol Qualification Course (CPQC) at the Rees Training Center to improve operational readiness. The project will remove the existing pneumatic target control system and replace it with a new electrical/mechanical system. This project will also include removing and salvaging the pneumatic target system and controls.

These upgrades are necessary for Oregon Army National Guard members to meet multiple qualification requirements, as well as quality of life improvements. OMD reports that the CPQC is frequently out of service due to weather conditions or the need for repairs. Upgrading the existing pneumatic system to an electrical/mechanical system will extend the useful life of the CPQC and increase usage and resulting in improved weapons skills for Oregon Army National Guard service members.

Legal Reference: Establishment of an expenditure limitation of \$1,550,000 for Oregon Military Department for the payment of expenses from Capital Construction Federal Funds, collected or received for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, for additions to Rees Training Center.



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Dear Co-Chairs:

Nature of the Request

The Oregon Military Department (OMD) requests the establishment of Capital Construction Federal Fund limitation in the amount of \$1,550,000 to design and construct a 10 lane Combat Pistol Qualification Course (CPQC) at Rees Training Center (RTC, fka Camp Umatilla) in Umatilla County, Oregon.

Agency Action

The National Guard Bureau (NGB) is providing federal funding to repair the existing CPQC at RTC to improve operational readiness. The project will remove the existing pneumatic target control system and replace it with a new electrical/mechanical system. This project will include removing and salvaging the pneumatic target system and controls. The project will also modify the existing target coffins and abutments and install the new target lifters and control system as well as any other associated work incidental towards the project completion.

This CPQC will be designed and constructed to meet qualification requirements. This will be an additional standard qualification pistol range to support all units in the Oregon Army National Guard, to specifically include meeting the current needs of the 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team with approximately 3,000 authorized soldiers, the 82nd Troop Command Brigade with approximately 2,200 authorized soldiers, and the 249th Regional Training Institute Requirements for accreditation.

The CPQC is required and necessary due to the frequency of repairs and downtime of the existing pneumatic system. The range is currently inoperable when temperatures drop below 35 degrees Fahrenheit causing cancellation of range times for training units. Repairing the existing pneumatic system with an electrical/mechanical system will extend the useful life of the CPQC and increase operations throughput, resulting in improved weapons skills for Oregon Army National Guard service members.

Action Requested

Establish Capital Construction Federal Fund limitation in the amount of \$1,550,000 for the design and construction of the Combat Pistol Qualification Course (CPQC) Project at Rees Training Center.

Legislation Affected

None.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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