

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 19: Department of Education Clean Energy Improvements

To:	Emergency Board
From:	Human Services Subcommittee
Carrier:	Senator Campos

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Energy in the amount of \$18.8 million over a period of five years to conduct energy audits and implement clean energy improvements in schools.

The Oregon Department of Education partnered with Community Systems Solutions; Sheet Metal, Air, Rail, and Transportation Workers of America Local-16; and the Oregon State Association of Electrical Workers to categorize school district applicants into two applications and draft the application materials. The first application, representing 13 Title 1 schools, was not selected to proceed. The second application, representing 10 school districts in disadvantaged communities, moved forward through the selection process and was awarded \$7.8 million in funding for retrofit projects to improve energy efficiency.

The awarded school districts are accountable for meeting their respective portions of the \$2.4 million cost share requirement. However, the Department anticipates most of the cost share is reimbursable through the Public Purpose Charge School Program, administered by the Oregon Department of Energy, and Energy Trust incentive programs.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends approval.