

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 59: Department of Energy Solar for All

To:	Emergency Board
From:	General Government Subcommittee
Carrier:	Senator Girod

The General Government Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board increase the Federal Funds expenditure limitation for the Department of Energy by \$5.5 million and authorize the establishment of two limited duration positions (0.66 FTE) to provide and administer incentives for the expansion of solar technology to low-income communities through the Solar for All program.

The Oregon Department of Energy has been awarded \$86.6 million from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the Solar for All initiative. This federal grant, which was approved by the legislature in 2023, requires no state match and will be distributed over a five-year period.

The \$5.5 million request represents the first year of funding, which will be used to plan and develop grant programs for single- and multi-family homes solar rebates and to partner with Energy Trust Oregon and Bonneville Environmental Foundation on community solar projects.

The two limited duration positions will assist with program development and design, coordination of the scope of work with community solar project partners, and preparing the launch of workforce development opportunities.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends approval.