

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 60: Department of Energy Home Efficiency and Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates

To:	Emergency Board
From:	General Government Subcommittee
Carrier:	Representative Gomberg

The General Government Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board increase Federal Funds expenditure limitation for the Department of Energy by \$19,199,180 and authorize the establishment of one limited duration position (0.33 FTE) to administer the Home Efficiency Rebates and Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates grants.

The Oregon Department of Energy has been awarded \$113.6 million from the U.S. Department of Energy for the Home Efficiency Rebates and Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates. These federal grants, which were approved by the Legislature in 2024, require no state match and will be distributed over an eight-year period.

The \$19 million request represents the first year of funding, which will be used to provide rebates for energy saving retrofits and installation of energy efficient electric technology in low- and medium-income homes. The rebate programs are designed to incentivize energy efficiency and savings upgrades like heat-pumps, which align with legislative goals established in HB 3409 during the 2023 session. The limited duration position will assist with public education, outreach, and the rebate programs.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends approval.