

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 66: Department of Environmental Quality Climate Pollution Reduction

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 Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, by \$26,713,138 and authorize the establishment of six permanent positions (2.28 FTE) to administer the Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant.

In July 2024, the Department of Environmental Quality was awarded over \$197 million by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, with no state match requirement, to fund the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions over the next five years. The Department intends to leverage 12 existing state programs throughout five agencies focused on greenhouse gas emission reductions in transportation, buildings, and materials and waste. To begin implementation in the current biennium, the Department requests an increase in Federal Funds expenditure limitation of nearly \$27 million and authorization to establish six positions, funded by the award. The positions will support grant administration, including contracts and budgeting, and measure implementation.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends approval.