

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 63: Department of State Lands South Slough Reserve Visitor Entrance

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

The General Government Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board increase Federal Funds expenditure limitation for the Department of State Lands by \$400,000 to upgrade the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve's visitor entrance.

The Department of State Lands was awarded a \$1.6 million grant from the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration to make improvements to the South Slough visitor entrance. This federal grant, approved by the Legislature in 2024, has a match requirement which can be met through existing staff and donated funds.

The Department's request represents the amount that will be expended in the current biennium, with the remainder of the work to be done in 2025-27. The grant funding will be used to increase traffic safety by relocating the entrance road and adding a turn lane, expanding parking and improving lighting and security, upgrading ADA accessibility, and installing hard wired internet and cable access.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends approval.