

## SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

### **Item 23: Department of Emergency Management Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security**

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To: Emergency Board  
From: Public Safety Subcommittee  
Carrier: Senator Sollman

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The Public Safety Subcommittee heard a request from the Department of Emergency Management for retroactive approval to submit a federal grant application for cybersecurity and infrastructure security grants.

This grant opportunity is designed to assist states, local governments, and rural areas in addressing cybersecurity risks and threats to information systems. At least 80% of the grant award is required to support local entities projects, 15% for state-agency projects, and 5% for administration. This is the third of four anticipated rounds of funding, and requires a 30% match, which can be either in-kind or cash. The match requirement was waived for the first two grant rounds, and the Department has applied for a waiver again. If a waiver is not granted, the Department will need to return to the Legislature to request General Fund for its share of the match requirement.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board retroactively approve the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Emergency Management to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, in the amount of \$6,450,747, for a State and Local Cybersecurity Program grant.