

# SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

## **Item 51: Department of Emergency Management COVID Reimbursements**

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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 on federal COVID reimbursements.

The Department is the State Administrative Agency for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's public assistance and hazard mitigation programs and functions as the pass-through entity for FEMA funding related to major disaster declarations, like the 2020 Wildfires and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Currently, the agency has over \$122 million in COVID-19 and other grant reimbursements to process by year end, and an additional \$573 million to be processed by March 2025. The Department does not have sufficient Federal Funds expenditure limitation to pass through all of these funds.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board increase Federal Funds expenditure limitation for the Department of Emergency Management by \$512,333,715 to process federal reimbursements.