

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 36: Department of State Lands South Slough Operational Costs

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

The General Government Subcommittee heard a request from the Department of State Lands for South Slough operational costs.

The Department of State Lands is responsible for maintaining and operating the South Slough Reserve, which is nearly 7,000 acres along the Coos Estuary on the south coast of Oregon, for long-term research, education, and coastal stewardship. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration provides operational grants for support and improvements at the Reserve; however, federal funding has remained flat and is not covering increased personnel costs and inflation. To maintain operations, the Department needs an increase in their Other Funds budget for the Reserve, which will be funded by donations and transfers from the Common School Fund.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board increase Other Funds expenditure limitation for the Department of State Lands, South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve, by \$655,000 for operational costs.