

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Environmental Quality Priority Climate Action Plan

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Pham

On April 25th, the Natural Resources Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Environmental Quality to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Climate Pollution Reduction Grants program, in the amount of \$3,000,000, for statewide pollution reduction planning activities.

This formula grant offers \$3 million, to each state that applies, for development of a Priority Climate Action Plan. Completing this plan is required in order to access \$4.6 billion provide by the Inflation Reduction Act for Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation grants. The Plan will identify the scope and types of projects which may be eligible to compete for implementation funding. Award notifications for the planning funds are anticipated as early as June 2023, and there is no state match requirement.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.