

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Fish and Wildlife Chronic Wasting Disease Prevention

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Dembrow

On May 25th, the Natural Resources Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Fish and Wildlife to the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the amount of \$250,000 for the prevention of Chronic Wasting Disease in Oregon's wild cervids.

Chronic Wasting Disease is an infectious brain disease in elk, deer, moose, and the like. There is no known cure, and infection ultimately leads to the death of the animal. Funding from this grant would support and increase agency actions to aid in early detection and prevent CWD from spreading into Oregon. The proposal includes increasing capacity for detection and response, training on sample collection, developing a rapid testing and reporting system, and providing educational outreach. This grant would continue a limited duration position to coordinate statewide activities for sample collection. There is no state match requirement, and if awarded, the Department anticipates returning to the Legislature to request Federal Funds expenditure limitation.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.