

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Department of Agriculture Resiliency for Oregon Agricultural Producers**

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

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On May 24<sup>th</sup>, the Natural Resources Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Oregon Department of Agriculture to the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the amount of \$5,907,194 to expand opportunities for locally produced foods and improve resiliency for Oregon’s small and midsized agricultural producers.

The goal of the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program is to create more and better processing options for local and regionally produced food crops and dairy. The grant excludes meat and poultry, as they are funded through other USDA programs. States will submit plans to the USDA to build resiliency for local agricultural producers and make competitive subawards for infrastructure grants to create more diverse local and regional market options and create more economic opportunities for communities. The subrecipients will be required to provide matching funds. ODA has not requested any additional staff to support delivery of this grant and may return to the Legislature for increased Federal Funds expenditure limitation.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.