

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Forestry Mass Timber Tech Hub

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

On February 21st, the Natural Resources Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Forestry to the U.S. Economic Development Administration totaling \$8 million to support growth of the mass timber industry in the Pacific Northwest.

The federal agency has recognized Oregon and Washington as centers of excellence in mass timber design and manufacturing and established the Pacific Northwest Timber Tech Hub. The Tech Hub is a consortium of entities eligible for funding to promote mass timber as a viable and sustainable construction alternative. If awarded, ODF intends to increase regional fiber supply and strengthen supply chain transparency and accountability. The grant requires 10% in state matching funds, which ODF will meet through in-kind staff work. No additional funding or staff will be necessary for grant implementation.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.