

# SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

## **Item 9: Department of Emergency Management Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Public Safety Subcommittee  
Carrier: Senator Broadman

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The Public Safety Subcommittee heard a request from the Department of Emergency Management for retroactive approval to submit a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for a State and Local Cybersecurity Program grant.

The Department has applied for \$2.5 million in formula grant funding designed to support states, local governments, and rural areas to address cybersecurity risks and threats to information systems. The Department of Administrative Services serves as a partner to review cybersecurity and infrastructure security projects and funding proposals. The grant has a 40% match requirement, which has historically been waived. However, in the event a waiver is not provided, projects will be assessed individually for possible local matching funds and the Department would utilize in-kind funding within the existing budget to meet match requirements.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means retroactively approve the submission of a federal grant application by the Department of Emergency Management to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, in the amount of \$2.5 million, to address cybersecurity risks and threats to information systems.