

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 11: Department of Emergency Management Next Generation Warning Systems

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

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 the Next Generation Warning Systems grant.

As the State Administrative Agency for this grant, the Department has applied for \$2 million in funding intended to support statewide efforts to identify capability gaps and implement solutions for public alert and warning systems that include streaming services, sirens, giant-voice systems, satellites, internet-connected devices, and other solutions.

The grant has no match requirement. If awarded, the Department will work with the Oregon Department of Justice to confirm it can meet the federal terms and conditions prior to accepting any funds.

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 million, to support public alert and warning systems in Oregon.