

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 10: Department of Emergency Management National Earthquake Hazard Reduction

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

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 National Earthquake Hazard Reduction Program grant.

The Department has applied for \$136,084 in funding that would be utilized to support the management and reduction of geological hazards in the state. Previously approved grants have been used for projects and activities of the Geological Hazards Program and readiness preparation.

The grant has a 25% match requirement, which the Department can meet with existing in-kind funding in their budget. 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 \$136,084, to support efforts to mitigate the impact of earthquakes in Oregon.