

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 19: Department of Transportation Buses and Bus Facilities

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

The Natural Resources Subcommittee heard a request from the Department of Transportation for retroactive approval to submit a federal grant application for local transit providers to purchase buses and construct or renovate bus facilities.

The Federal Transit Administration's Buses and Bus Facilities Program provides funding to help agencies purchase, replace, and rehabilitate buses, equipment, and related facilities. If awarded, funding would provide 20 buses, two new facilities, one renovation, and redevelopment of a park-and-ride into an operations hub, with disbursements going to Benton, Lebanon, Hood River, Klamath, Linn, Umpqua, Yamhill, Sandy, and Coos County.

The grant application was due July 14th, with the required \$4.7 million match provided by local transit agencies.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means retroactively approve the submission of a federal grant application by the Department of Transportation to the Federal Transit Administration, in the amount of \$21,468,516, for local transit providers to purchase buses and construct or renovate bus facilities.