

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 20: Department of Transportation Low or No Emission Transit Vehicles

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 low or no emission vehicles.

The Federal Transit Administration's Low or No Emission Grant Program supports the purchase of zero and low emission transit vehicles and related infrastructure. If awarded, \$3.5 million in grant funding would provide an electric bus and charger for Lebanon, four hybrid replacements for Umpqua Public Transportation, and two hybrid replacements for Wheeler County.

The grant application was due July 14th, with the required \$597,058 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 \$3,465,732, for local transit providers to purchase low or no emission vehicles.