

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 7: Department of Emergency Management Homeland Security

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 Homeland Security Grant Program.

The Department has received this grant in prior years and utilizes funds for two programs: the State Homeland Security Program assists state, local and tribal efforts to augment capabilities to prevent and respond to acts of terrorism, and the Urban Area Security Initiative that does the same specific to assisting high-threat, high-density urban area efforts in the Portland Metro Region.

The Department has applied for \$11.1 million in grant funding and there is 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 \$11.1 million, to support efforts to prevent and respond to acts of terrorism.