

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 15: Department of Consumer and Business Services Occupational Safety and Health Training

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Gomberg

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee heard a request from the Department of Consumer and Business Services for retroactive approval to submit a federal grant application for on-site training opportunities for employer and employees about workplace hazards and employer responsibilities under the Occupational Safety and Health Act and to increase Federal Funds expenditure limitation for the Department by \$200,000.

The U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Health and Safety Administration, made funding available to states through the Susan Harwood training grant. Funding is available for a one-year performance period, beginning September 2025, and there is no state match required.

The Department received notice of a successful award on September 27th and will utilize funding to provide additional in-person trainings in areas across the state that do not typically receive on-site opportunities, for employers and employees in high-hazard industries, industries with high fatality rates, and for workers who face barriers to training access.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means retroactively approve the

submission of a federal grant application by the Department of Consumer and Business Services, to the U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Health and Safety Administration, in the amount of \$200,000, for on-site training opportunities for employer and employees about workplace hazards and employer responsibilities under the Occupational Safety and Health Act, and include an increase of \$200,000 in Federal Funds expenditure limitation for the Department in a budget reconciliation bill during the 2026 legislative session.