

## SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

### **Item 8: Department of Forestry Insurance Settlement Proceeds**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee  
Carrier: Representative Owens

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The Natural Resources Subcommittee heard a request from the Department of Forestry on insurance settlement proceeds received to rebuild two facilities after they were destroyed by the 2020 and 2021 wildfires.

In 2025, the Department was provided with capital construction expenditure limitation, supported by bond proceeds, to rebuild the Klamath Fire Cache Warehouse and the North Cascade Santiam Unit Headquarters. The total project cost for the reconstruction of both facilities assumed receipt of insurance settlement proceeds.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means include an increase of \$1 million in Other Funds capital construction expenditure limitation for the Klamath Fire Cache Warehouse replacement and \$5 million in Other Funds capital construction expenditure limitation for the Santiam Facility Replacement, Phase I, for the Department of Forestry in a budget reconciliation bill during the 2026 legislative session to expend insurance settlement proceeds received for the projects.