

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 12: Department of Aviation Columbia River Air Services Corridor

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 Aviation for retroactive approval to submit a federal grant application to support the Oregon Precision Air Lifeline project within the Columbia River air services corridor.

The Department has applied for \$2.4 million from the U.S. Department of Transportation to support planning and design of the Oregon Precision Air Lifeline project, which is intended to improve transportation system resiliency in rural and tribal areas subject to natural hazards. Grant funds would support development of ground-based sensor systems for unmanned aircraft, project coordination and community engagement, air traffic management, regulatory compliance and system integration. The grant does not require a state match.

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 Aviation to the U.S. Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$2,434,112, to support the Oregon Precision Air Lifeline project within the Columbia River air services corridor.