

# SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

## **Item 13: Department of Emergency Management Disaster Reimbursement**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Public Safety Subcommittee  
Carrier: Representative Evans

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The Public Safety Subcommittee heard a request from the Department of Emergency Management on reimbursement proceeds received from the states of California, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Montana for natural disaster support provided by Oregon entities.

The Department of Emergency Management acts as the fiscal agency representing Oregon in the nationwide Emergency Management Assistance Compact as authorized in statute, making it responsible for coordinating and deploying resources, as well as managing reimbursement and fund transfers under the agreement. Resources from Oregon were deployed for the Palisades Fire in Los Angeles; Hurricane Helene in the southeastern United States; and a windstorm in Missoula, Montana. As reimbursements are received for these events, the agency requires \$15.8 million in Other Funds expenditure limitation to disburse the funds to agencies and local governments.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means recommend including a one-time increase of \$15,791,030 in Other Funds expenditure limitation for the Department of Emergency Management in a budget reconciliation bill during the 2026 legislative session to allow for the disbursement of reimbursements received for disaster support.