

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 45: Department of Land Conservation and Development Chinook Ona Illahee and Sitka Sedge

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Neron Misslin

The Natural Resources Subcommittee heard a request from the Department of Land Conservation and Development to increase Federal Funds expenditure limitation by \$4.6 million for two grants received from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Almost the entire amount of this funding will be passed through the agency to project partners.

The first grant award totals \$6 million, with \$2.7 million to be expended this biennium. The Department of Land Conservation and Development will distribute this money to the Tillamook Estuaries Partnership to support wetland restoration work in the Sitka Sedge State Natural Area. The second grant award totals \$1.9 million, which will be distributed to the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians to purchase Chinook Ona Illahee, 315 acres of undeveloped land in Lincoln County. The land will remain undeveloped and be managed in perpetuity for its habitat, cultural, and climate resilience values.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means recommend including an increase in Federal Funds expenditure limitation of \$4,599,793 for the Department of Land Conservation and Development in a budget reconciliation bill during the 2026 legislative session for two National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration grant projects.