

## SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

### **Item 37: Department of Environmental Quality Cyberattack Response and Recovery**

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

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The Natural Resources Subcommittee heard a request from the Department of Environmental Quality on the April 2025 cyberattack response and recovery.

In April 2025, the Department of Environmental Quality was faced with a cyberattack that required an immediate shutdown of the agency's network and servers to allow the state's Enterprise Information Services teams to isolate assets, identify the scope of impact, and mitigate further risks. This assessment resulted in the necessary replacement or reimaging of all information technology assets prior to resuming agency operations. The cost of response and recovery totals approximately \$2 million. The agency plans to absorb over \$800,000 for replacing approximately 450 computers. To cover the remaining costs, the agency requests a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$1.1 million.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means appropriate \$1,121,515 General Fund to the Department of Environmental Quality in a budget reconciliation bill during the 2026 legislative session for costs associated with cyberattack response and recovery.