SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 11: Department of Emergency Management
Evacuation Planning Tool

To:	Emergency Board
From:	Public Safety Subcommittee
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The Public Safety Subcommittee heard a request from the Department of Emergency Management on a statewide evacuation planning and management tool.

Genasys is a software-as-a-service tool that streamlines and accelerates evacuation zone mapping and public alert routing for emergency managers and first responders. It is currently used by 21 counties and two Tribal governments statewide, and has been incorporated into OR-Alert, the statewide emergency alert and warning program. Six more counties are actively implementing the system ahead of the 2026 wildfire season.

The Department of Human Services entered a five-year contract with Genasys in June 2024 without an approved funding source. The agency then entered into an interagency agreement with the Department of Emergency Management to cover the first-year payment using one-time FEMA reimbursement funds. The Governor's Office has directed the agencies to transfer the Genasys contract to the Department of Emergency Management, with the requested amount representing the second-year payment due in July 2026. Ongoing annual costs are estimated at $720,000 per year, and the contract is up for renewal in June 2029.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board allocate $1,135,200 General Fund from the special purpose appropriation made to the Emergency Board for natural disaster prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery to the Department of Emergency Management for contractually obligated payments for the maintenance of the statewide evacuation planning and management system.