

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Energy Data Center Demand Planning

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Breese-Iverson

On February 9th, the Natural Resources Subcommittee heard a request from the Oregon Department of Energy for retroactive approval to submit a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Energy to support data center demand planning.

The grant opportunity is for a technical assistance program designed to support cross-sector partnerships in addressing accelerating U.S. electricity demand, specifically as it relates to data center development. The collaborative proposed by the Oregon Department of Energy includes Portland General Electric, Compass Datacenters, Metro Regional Solutions Center, and several technical consulting advisors. The proposed project budget for technical assistance is \$4.3 million and the project will focus on optimizing data center siting and supply-side power solutions, accelerating interconnection for large loads, and developing innovative financing and cost allocation frameworks. There is no state matching funds or federal funds expenditure limitation required.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends retroactive approval of the submission of a federal grant application by the Oregon Department of Energy to the U.S. Department of Energy CARLA technical assistance grant program.