

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Public Safety Standards and Training Assistance to Firefighters

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

On February 8th, the Public Safety Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training to the US Department of Homeland Security, Assistance to Firefighters grant program for up to \$500,000 for firefighter training props and equipment.

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant program provides funding for vehicle and equipment purchases to fire departments, emergency medical services agencies, and state fire training academies nationwide. The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training requested permission to apply for up to \$500,000 from this grant program to purchase mobile fire training props, wildland firefighting equipment, and thermal imaging cameras. The agency will meet the grant's 15% match requirement within its existing Fire Training budget. Grant awards are expected be announced by May 1st, 2021 for a two-year period. If the grant is awarded, DPSST will return to the Legislature or the Emergency Board to request additional Federal Funds expenditure limitation.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval.