

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Department of Veterans' Affairs State Home Construction**

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To:           Ways and Means Full Committee  
From:        Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee  
Carrier:      Representative Gomberg

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On April 21, the Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommended retroactive approval for the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs to apply for two federal State Home Construction Grants for the Oregon Veterans' Homes.

The grants are being made available to states through the federal CARES Act funding in 2020 to purchase equipment or facilitate physical plant upgrades as it relates to the prevention, preparation, or response to the Coronavirus. Changes and delays in the application process at the federal level created the compressed timeline for submittal and need for retroactive grant application approval. If successful, grant funding for the two grants totaling \$442,117 would be provided to purchase equipment and provide for facility upgrades at the Oregon Veterans' Homes in The Dalles and Lebanon. The grant application was due April 15, 2021 and no matching funds are required.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends approval.