

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Environmental Quality Toxics Reduction Lead

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative K. Pham

On March 9th, the Natural Resources Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Environmental Quality to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Columbia River Basin Restoration program, for a Toxic Reduction Lead grant in the amount of \$7,000,000 for the reduction, prevention, and removal of toxic contaminants in the Columbia River Basin.

Funding for this opportunity is made possible by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The Department will apply for funding to deliver four projects aimed at reducing contaminants such as pesticides and mercury; prioritizing existing brownfield sites in the Columbia River Basin for clean-up; and continuing the development of a Strategic Action Plan for “forever chemicals”. This grant includes a 25% state match requirement which will be met through staff time and sub-recipient match contributions.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.