

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Higher Education Coordinating Commission Tribal Youth Restoration Landscapes Project Opportunity

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Education Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Frederick

On February 19th, the Education Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management of up to \$1 million to offer employment opportunities to tribal youth throughout Oregon.

If successful, the agency will use the federal funding to award grants to community partners, such as federally recognized tribes and nonprofits to provide tribal youth with training and exposure to careers in natural resources. These projects may include building trails, clearing plant materials to prevent wildfires, and monitoring fisheries.

The grant has a 25% state match requirement, which the agency can meet using existing funding for the current Oregon Youth Corps and Oregon Conservation Corps programs. The agency will not require additional staff to administer the grant and there is no expectation of continued federal or state funding beyond the grant period.

The Education Subcommittee recommends approval.