Senator Steiner Hayward

FULL COMMITTEE PONY

Oregon Health Authority Perinatal Oral Health

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Committee on Ways and Means approve the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for up to \$250,000 per year for four years to improve oral health in pregnant women and infants.

The grant will focus on integrating oral health services for pregnant women and infants into the overall health care delivery system. The grant will focus on three areas:

- Work with coordinated care organizations on best practices for incorporating dental health into general health care, such as well baby visits and prenatal visits.
- Systems for training providers.
- Collaboration with other programs that serve pregnant women, such as the nutrition program for Women, Infants, and Children and Home Visiting programs.

If approved, funding would begin August 1, 2015. No state matching funds are required for the grant.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends approval of the request.