

**Oregon Health Authority  
Health Information Technology Grant**

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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 \$1 million per year for two years to support the interoperable exchange of health information.

The grant proposes to focus on consent management, which is a major barrier to health information exchange across provider types. The goal is to engage primary care physicians, behavioral health providers, and emergency providers to develop policies and tools, and implement a consent management process. If successful, the agency will pass through most of the funds to the Jefferson Health Information Exchange for this purpose. Jefferson HIE includes CCOs, hospitals, and other providers in Jackson, Josephine, and Klamath counties and the Columbia Gorge region.

This grant requires a \$1 state match for every \$3 of federal funding. The grant will meet this requirement primarily through the in-kind value of services provided by the Jefferson HIE, including staff time, purchased technical tools, and stakeholder participation in activities. No new positions will be needed.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends approval of the request.