

**Oregon Health Authority
Oral Health Workforce Grant**

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 \$500,000 per year for three years to increase access to oral health services in underserved areas.

This grant supports two different programs. In collaboration with the Oregon Institute of Technology Dental Hygiene Department, the agency's Oral Health Program will establish a dental health program in Klamath Falls that includes providing dental sealants in the city's elementary schools. Eventually the program will be expanded to the county elementary schools.

Second, the Oral Health Program will partner with the OHSU Department of Community Dentistry through placement of final-year dental students in a number of community-based clinics around the state.

This grant requires a 40%, or \$200,000, state match. The grant will meet this requirement primarily through the in-kind value of services provided by the staff in community-based clinics that will supervise the OHSU dental students. If successful, the agency expects to need two limited duration positions (1.50 FTE) for project and grants management, and data monitoring and evaluation activities.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends approval of the request.