## **FULL COMMITTEE PONY**

## Oregon Health Authority Teen Pregnancy Prevention 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 \$750,000 per year for five years to reduce teen pregnancies.

This grant will allow the agency to expand evidence-based programming to rural and frontier areas that experience high teen pregnancy rates, and increase their capacity to address teen pregnancy. The agency will work closely with the Oregon Department of Education, as well as coordinated care organizations in the areas where grants are approved.

The grant will focus on Baker, Malheur, and Umatilla counties, based on their high teen pregnancy rates as well as expressed interest. The state will provide assistance in such activities as developing a community needs assessment, collaborating with community stakeholders, and selecting an evidence-based program for implementation. A portion of the funding will go to each of the three county health departments to implement a teen pregnancy prevention program from the federally-approved list, based on which program best fits their community needs.

No state matching funds are required for the grant. If successful, the agency expects to need one limited duration position for data monitoring and evaluation activities required by the grant.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends approval of the request.