

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Oregon Health Authority Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Human Services Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Knopp

On March 11th, the Human Services Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Oregon Health Authority to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for \$255,600 per year for five years for maternal and early childhood systems of care.

The federal Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems grant supports state capacity and planning activities that integrate maternal and child health systems of care that are equitable and promote early developmental health for the prenatal to age three population. OHA's Public Health Division plans to use the funds to hire two positions – a program lead, which is a requirement of the grant, and a Family Engagement Specialist.

These positions will be responsible for analyzing system assets and gaps; enhancing the state's early childhood strategic plan; identifying strategies that promote early developmental health; and increasing family engagement in early childhood programs.

The grant does not require a state match or maintenance of effort. If the grant is awarded, the agency will return to the Legislature or Emergency Board for additional expenditure limitation and position authority, as needed.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends approval.