

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Education Federal Nutrition Program

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Education Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Frederick

On March 22nd, the Education Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Oregon Department of Education to the U.S. Department of Agriculture for up to \$22,220,000 for a Nutrition Program grant.

The Emergency Operational Costs for Child Nutrition Programs during the Coovid-19 Pandemic grant from the USDA's Food and Nutrition Services agency is available to state agencies administering the National School Lunch program and other nutrition programs. Grant funds are to be distributed based on a federal formula to the organizations operating the programs locally for emergency operating costs and lost revenue during the early months of the pandemic.

The grant does not require a state match or maintenance of effort. ODE may use up to 1% of the grant for state grant administration. 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 Education Subcommittee recommends approval.