

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Oregon Health Authority Climate and Health Program

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Human Services Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Nosse

On February 2nd, the Human Services Subcommittee recommended retroactive approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Oregon Health Authority to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the amount of \$2 million over five years for reducing health outcomes attributed to climate change.

OHA previously requested retroactive approval to apply for this grant but the request was not approved. Due to that action, the agency has worked with legislators to clarify how the grant fits into core, existing programs. OHA's existing Climate and Health Program has been funded by this federal program since 2010 and will use the renew award to continue activities started in the prior grant period. These activities include updating the five-year Climate and Health Resilience Plan; supporting the implementation of the Oregon Climate Equity Blueprint; providing technical assistance and training to community organizations; and establishing a web-based climate and health data tool.

OHA will establish a new Operations and Policy Analyst 3 position to support planning and communications work during the new grant period. The grant does not require a state match or maintenance of effort.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends approval.