

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Oregon Health Authority Physical Activity and Nutrition

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

On March 22nd, the Human Services Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Oregon Health Authority to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, “State Physical Activity and Nutrition” program in the amount of up to \$6.5 million over a five year period from September 2023 to September 2028 to address chronic diseases by improving nutrition and increasing physical activity in Oregon. The funds will bolster collaboration between public health, health systems and community partners to reduce overall demands on Oregon’s health care system. In addition, this opportunity will leverage existing partnerships with local public health agencies, the Oregon State University Extension Service, Oregon’s ten Regional Health Equity Coalitions, Coordinated Care Organizations, the Oregon Department of Transportation, and the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department to improve nutrition standards and increase supports for breastfeeding, physical activity and nutrition standards for early childhood education settings, as well as increasing opportunities for physical activity through active transportation.

If funded, OHA anticipates requesting 3 positions (2.00 FTE), but will refine their request once the grant is awarded and a subsequent request for limitation is made. No state match is required.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends approval.