

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Human Services Wildfire Smoke Preparedness

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

On May 3rd, the Human Services Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Human Services to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the amount of \$2 million to support wildfire smoke preparedness in community buildings.

The grants are awarded on a competitive basis. The grant requires a 10% match; however, the match may be waived for applicants who commit to serving economically distressed communities. DHS intends to seek a waiver. The agency has indicated no additional staff will be needed to administer the funds.

If Oregon is awarded the grant, DHS intends to use the money to support outreach and training for smoke readiness, deployment of portable air cleaners, and upgrades and repairs of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning units o systems and weatherization.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends approval.