

GRANT REQUEST PONY

**Oregon Health Authority
Promoting Adolescent Health Grant**

(Reported out of Subcommittee on 4/11/13)

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Committee on Ways and Means approve the submission of a federal grant application to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the amount of \$25,000 per year for five years, to administer the School Health Profile Survey.

This grant is just a small piece of a long-standing federally-funded program through the Oregon Department of Education to promote adolescent health through school-based HIV/STD prevention. This is the first time that CDC has required Public Health to submit a separate application. This funding will allow Public Health to continue to administer the School Health Profile Survey, which surveys a sample of health teachers and school principals. Data from the survey assesses progress implementing health and education policy in schools, and identifies teacher training needs. The survey is voluntary.

The funding will be used to continue one existing permanent position in Public Health to coordinate, verify the sample, administer the survey and conduct follow-up. The grant application is due on April 26, 2013. Funding would begin August 1, 2013 and end August 1, 2018. No state matching funds are required for the grant.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends approval of the request.

Federal Grant Application Request

Oregon Health Authority

Promoting Adolescent Health Grant

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Request: Approve the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of up to \$25,000 per year for five years, to promote adolescent health through school-based HIV/STD prevention.

Recommendation: Approve the request.

Analysis: The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is requesting approval from the Joint Committee on Ways and Means to apply for the Promoting Adolescent Health Through School Based HIV/STD Prevention and School Surveillance grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Grant funding for the Public Health piece of the grant is up to \$25,000 per year for five years. No state matching funds are required for the grant, nor is there a requirement for maintenance of effort.

This program is designed to help schools and school districts adopt policy and implement program activities to reduce HIV/STD infection and unintended pregnancy. The program has been in place at least since 2000, although in the past the Oregon Department of Education received the funding and partnered with Public Health to administer the School Health Profile Survey. CDC is now requiring that Public Health submit a separate application for the survey work. Because this is a new application for Public Health, they are requesting permission to apply, even though this is a long-standing program and cooperative effort with the Department of Education. By conducting this survey, Oregon also becomes eligible for other CDC funding that supports school health.

The survey crosses multiple areas of health policy in schools, including policies on tobacco use, nutrition, and comprehensive sexuality education policy. Data from the survey assesses progress implementing health and education policy in schools, identifies teacher training needs, and provides information necessary to design and improve programs aimed at school-aged youth. The data is used in a number of Public Health programs, not just this program aimed at HIV/STD prevention that authorizes the funding for the survey within CDC.

The funding will be used to continue one existing permanent position in Public Health to coordinate with CDC, verify the randomized sample, administer the survey and conduct follow-up. The grant application is due on April 26, 2013. If approved, funding would begin August 1, 2013 and end August 1, 2018.

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends approval of the request.